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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008
Commission file number 001-33606

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

98-0501001

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

19 Par-La-Ville Road, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(441) 278-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

As of November 13, 2008, there were 74,878,137 outstanding Common Shares, \$0.175 par value per share, of the registrant.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

As at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| | September 30, 2008 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2007 |
|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost: 2008 - \$2,666,085; 2007 - \$2,403,074) | \$ 2,595,476 | \$ 2,411,398 |
| Short-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2008 - \$327,048; 2007 - \$251,150) | 325,273 | 250,623 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 335,367 | 444,698 |
| Total cash and investments | 3,256,116 | 3,106,719 |
| Premiums receivable | 529,039 | 401,241 |
| Deferred acquisition costs | 129,946 | 105,562 |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums | 49,824 | 22,817 |
| Securities lending collateral | 158,411 | 164,324 |
| Loss reserves recoverable | 173,463 | 134,404 |
| Paid losses recoverable | 3,516 | 7,810 |
| Net receivable for investments sold | 11,820 | |
| Income taxes recoverable | 2,331 | 3,325 |
| Intangible assets | 128,258 | 131,379 |
| Goodwill | 20,393 | 20,393 |
| Accrued investment income | 15,596 | 19,960 |
| Other assets | 30,883 | 26,290 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,509,596 | \$ 4,144,224 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Reserve for losses and loss expenses | \$ 1,272,844 | \$ 926,117 |
| Unearned premiums | 693,304 | 557,344 |
| Reinsurance balances payable | 53,253 | 36,848 |
| Securities lending payable | 161,727 | 164,324 |
| Deferred income taxes | 21,117 | 16,663 |
| Net payable for investments purchased | | 31,426 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 86,440 | 126,702 |
| Debentures payable | 304,300 | 350,000 |
| Total liabilities | 2,592,985 | 2,209,424 |

Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 8)

Shareholders equity

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Ordinary shares, 571,428,571 authorized, par value \$0.175 Issued and outstanding (2008 - 74,878,137; 2007 - 74,199,836) | 13,104 | 12,985 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,403,904 | 1,384,604 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,528) | (49) |
| Retained earnings | 501,131 | 537,260 |
| Total shareholders equity | 1,916,611 | 1,934,800 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ 4,509,596 | \$ 4,144,224 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Validus Holdings, Ltd.****Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive (Loss) Income
For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 269,236 | \$ 245,271 | \$ 1,170,749 | \$ 797,641 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (35,139) | (7,906) | (121,438) | (65,644) |
| Net premiums written | 234,097 | 237,365 | 1,049,311 | 731,997 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 105,229 | 58,161 | (108,823) | (191,949) |
| Net premiums earned | 339,326 | 295,526 | 940,488 | 540,048 |
| Net investment income | 36,379 | 36,560 | 108,857 | 74,799 |
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | | | 8,752 | |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,667) | 1,010 | (8,348) | 823 |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | (14,649) | 7,681 | (72,608) | 3,136 |
| Other income | 1,269 | 1,330 | 3,666 | 1,330 |
| Foreign exchange (losses) gains | (44,933) | 5,818 | (35,843) | 9,210 |
| Total revenues | 303,725 | 347,925 | 944,964 | 629,346 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Losses and loss expense | 318,464 | 87,263 | 580,578 | 176,426 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 60,425 | 50,945 | 173,545 | 81,000 |
| General and administrative expenses | 30,120 | 44,793 | 101,139 | 67,088 |
| Share compensation expense | 6,012 | 6,132 | 19,818 | 10,054 |
| Finance expenses | 14,517 | 17,886 | 48,796 | 26,331 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | 2,893 | | 2,893 |
| Total expenses | 429,538 | 209,912 | 923,876 | 363,792 |
| Net (loss) income before taxes | (125,813) | 138,013 | 21,088 | 265,554 |
| Income tax expense | 487 | 1,488 | 4,992 | 1,527 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (126,300) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 |

| | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Comprehensive (loss) income | | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | (1,556) | (640) | (1,479) | (640) | |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | \$ (127,856) | \$ 135,885 | \$ 14,617 | \$ 263,387 | |
| Earnings (loss) per share | | | | | |
| Weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding | | | | | |
| Basic | 74,864,724 | 69,107,336 | 74,435,840 | 62,024,179 | |
| Diluted | 74,864,724 | 71,868,835 | 77,922,718 | 64,243,860 | |
| Basic (loss) earnings per share | \$ (1.71) | \$ 1.98 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 4.26 | |
| Diluted (loss) earnings per share | \$ (1.71) | \$ 1.90 | \$ 0.14 | \$ 4.11 | |
| Cash dividends declared per share | \$ 0.20 | | \$ 0.60 | | |

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Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| | Nine months ended | |
|--|---|---|
| | September 30, 2008 (Unaudited) | September 30, 2007 (Unaudited) |
| Common shares | | |
| Balance Beginning of period | \$ 12,985 | \$ 10,234 |
| Issue of common shares | 119 | 2,751 |
| Balance End of period | \$ 13,104 | \$ 12,985 |
| Additional paid-in capital | | |
| Balance Beginning of period | \$ 1,384,604 | \$ 1,048,025 |
| Issue of common shares, net of expenses | (518) | 317,753 |
| Stock option expense | 3,171 | 2,930 |
| Fair value of warrants qualifying as equity | | 2,893 |
| Share compensation expense | 16,647 | 7,123 |
| Balance End of period | \$ 1,403,904 | \$ 1,378,724 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | | |
| Balance Beginning of period | \$ (49) | \$ 875 |
| Currency translation adjustments | (1,479) | (640) |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of fair value option | | (875) |
| Balance End of period | \$ (1,528) | \$ (640) |
| Retaining earnings | | |
| Balance Beginning of period | \$ 537,260 | \$ 133,389 |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of fair value option | | 875 |
| Dividends | (52,225) | |
| Net income | 16,096 | 264,027 |
| Balance End of period | \$ 501,131 | \$ 398,291 |
| Total shareholders' equity | \$ 1,916,611 | \$ 1,789,360 |

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 (Unaudited) | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (Unaudited) |
|---|---|---|
| Cash flows provided by operating activities | | |
| Net income for the period | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Share compensation expense | 19,818 | 10,053 |
| Net realized (losses) gains on sales of investments | 8,348 | (823) |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | 72,608 | (3,136) |
| Fair value of Warrants expensed | | 2,893 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 3,121 | 1,040 |
| Foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents included in net income | 19,768 | (7,714) |
| Amortization of discounts on fixed maturities | 2,226 | (9,168) |
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | (8,752) | |
| Changes in: | | |
| Premiums receivable | (134,822) | (109,676) |
| Deferred acquisition costs | (26,635) | (27,559) |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums | (28,149) | 236 |
| Losses recoverable | (41,145) | 2,319 |
| Paid losses recoverable | 4,279 | 16,480 |
| Taxes recoverable | 2,436 | (525) |
| Accrued investment income | (4,466) | (1,305) |
| Other assets | 3,861 | 3,697 |
| Reserve for losses and loss expense | 369,962 | 88,283 |
| Unearned premiums | 147,461 | 191,703 |
| Reinsurance balances payable | 17,779 | (18,110) |
| Deferred taxation | 6,083 | 2,096 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (52,500) | 3,288 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 397,377 | 408,099 |
| Cash flows used in investing activities | | |
| Proceeds on maturity of investments | 264,103 | 891,202 |
| Proceeds on sales of investments | 1,770,892 | |
| Purchases of fixed maturities | (2,355,159) | (1,338,169) |
| (Purchases) sales of short-term investments, net | (74,290) | 115,365 |
| Increase (decrease) in securities lending collateral | 2,597 | (47,692) |
| Purchase of subsidiary, net of cash required | | (18,809) |

| | | | |
|--|------------|----|-----------|
| Net cash used in investing activities | (391,857) | | (398,103) |
| Cash flows provided by financing activities | | | |
| (Redemption) net proceeds on issuance of debentures payable | (36,948) | | 198,000 |
| Issue of common shares, net of expenses | (398) | | 320,504 |
| Dividends paid | (50,570) | | |
| Increase (decrease) in securities lending payable | (2,597) | | 47,692 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (90,513) | | 566,196 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (24,338) | | 11,593 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash | (109,331) | | 587,785 |
| Cash and cash equivalents Beginning of period | 444,698 | | 63,643 |
| Cash and cash equivalents End of period | \$ 335,367 | \$ | 651,428 |
| Net taxes (recovered) paid during the period | \$ (2,467) | \$ | 37 |
| Interest paid during the period | \$ 20,802 | \$ | 15,131 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

1. Basis of preparation and consolidation

These unaudited consolidated financial statements include Validus Holdings, Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (together, the Company) and have been prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In addition, the year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. This Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the opinion of management, these unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the Company s financial position and results of operations as at the end of and for the periods presented. Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The major estimates reflected in the Company s consolidated financial statements include the reserve for losses and loss expenses, premium estimates for business written on a line slip or proportional basis, reinsurance recoverable balances and investment valuation. Actual results could differ from those estimates. During the third quarter of 2008, Hurricanes Ike and Gustav were significant loss events for the industry. The Company s hurricane reserves estimates relating to these catastrophes are based on a ground up estimate and analysis of contracts believed to be exposed to these events, together with internal data compiled from underwriters, actuaries and claims teams combined. Preliminary information from cedants, brokers and industry models has been considered in the process. Actual losses may vary from this estimate. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. The terms FAS and FASB used in these notes refer to Statements of Financial Accounting Standards issued by the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board. The unaudited consolidated financial statements include the results of operations and cash flows of Talbot Holdings Ltd. (Talbot) since the date of acquisition of July 2, 2007 and not any prior periods (including for comparative purposes).

2. Recent accounting pronouncements

In March 2008, the FASB issued FAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an Amendment of FASB Statement 133 (FAS 161). This statement expands the disclosure requirements of FAS 133 and requires the reporting entity to provide enhanced disclosures about the objectives and strategies for using derivative instruments, quantitative disclosures about the fair values and amounts of gains and losses on derivative contracts, and credit risk related contingent features in derivative agreements. The statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The adoption of FAS 161 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FAS No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (FAS 162). This statement improves financial reporting by providing a consistent framework for determining what accounting principles should be used when preparing U.S. GAAP financial statements. This statement assigns a hierarchical rank to the various sources of accounting literature from Level A through Level D. FAS 162 will be effective 60 days after the SEC s approval of the PCAOB s amendments to AU Section 411. The adoption of FAS 162 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FAS No. 163, Accounting for Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 60 (FAS 163). This statement decreases the inconsistencies in Statement No. 60

in the accounting for financial guarantee insurance contracts by insurance companies. FAS 163 addresses the differing views in Statement No. 60 regarding the recognition and measurement of premium revenues and claim liabilities and enhances the disclosure requirements for insurance contracts. FAS 163 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FAS 163 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities* (FSP EITF 03-6-1). FSP EITF 03-6-1 addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions may be participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing basic earnings per share (EPS) pursuant to the two-class method described in paragraphs 60 and 61 of FASB Statement No. 128, *Earnings per Share*. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2008, the FASB issued proposed amendments to FAS 128, *Earnings per Share* (proposed amendments to FAS 128). The proposed amendments to FAS 128 reflect the FASB's efforts to converge with International Accounting Standards and to improve the guidance on earnings per share (EPS). The proposed amendments to FAS 128 would be retrospectively applied to all prior-period EPS data. An effective date has not been established. The Company will continue to evaluate the potential impact of this guidance.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 157-3, *Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active* (FSP FAS 157-3). FSP FAS 157-3 amends FAS 157 by incorporating an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset in an inactive market. FSP FAS 157-3 is effective October 10, 2008 and should be applied to prior periods for which financial statements have not been issued. Pursuant to FSP FAS 157-3, the Company has elected to use fair value measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable for certain investments in residential mortgage backed securities.

3. Investments

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company adopted FAS 157 and FAS 159. Prior to January 1, 2007, the Company's investments in fixed maturities were classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair value, with related net unrealized gains or losses excluded from earnings and included in shareholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. The Company believes that accounting for its investment portfolio as trading more closely reflects its investment guidelines. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the Company's investments in fixed maturities were classified as trading and carried at fair value, with related net unrealized gains or losses included in earnings.

During the third quarter of 2008, the Company adopted FSP FAS 157-3. Consistent with this statement, certain market conditions allow for fair value measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable.

a) Classification within the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157

Under FAS 157, a company must determine the appropriate level in the fair value hierarchy for each fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy in FAS 157 prioritizes the inputs, which refer broadly to assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, into three levels. It gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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Level 1 primarily consists of financial instruments whose value is based on quoted market prices or alternative approaches but for which the Company typically obtained independent external valuation information including, cash and certain cash instruments such as money market funds, overnight repos and commercial paper. Level 2 includes financial instruments that are valued using models or other valuation methodologies. These models are primarily industry-standard models that consider various assumptions, including time value, yield curve, prepayment speeds, default rates, loss severity, current market and contractual prices for the underlying financial instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures. Substantially all of these assumptions are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Financial instruments in this category include U.S. Treasuries, sovereign debt, corporate debt and U.S. agency and non-agency mortgage and asset-backed securities. Level 3 includes financial instruments that are valued using market approach and income approach valuation techniques. These models incorporate both observable and unobservable inputs. Financial instruments in this category include certain residential mortgage-backed securities.

At September 30, 2008, the Company's investments are allocated between levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| U.S. Government and Government Agency | \$ | \$ 737,667 | \$ | \$ 737,667 |
| Other Sovereign and Sovereign Agency | | 117,787 | | 117,787 |
| Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | | 445,316 | | 445,316 |
| Corporate | | 449,991 | | 449,991 |
| Foreign Corporate | | 176,434 | | 176,434 |
| States, municipalities, political subdivision | | 15,030 | | 15,030 |
| Asset-backed securities | | 157,997 | | 157,997 |
| Non-Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | | 148,574 | 130,028 | 278,602 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | | 216,652 | | 216,652 |
| Total fixed maturities | | 2,465,448 | 130,028 | 2,595,476 |
| Total short-term investments | 289,134 | 36,139 | | 325,273 |
| Total | \$ 289,134 | \$ 2,501,587 | \$ 130,028 | \$ 2,920,749 |

At December 31, 2007, the Company's investments are allocated between levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| U.S. Government and Government Agency | \$ | \$ 707,703 | \$ | \$ 707,703 |
| Other Sovereign and Sovereign Agency | | 141,493 | | 141,493 |
| Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | | 421,665 | | 421,665 |
| Corporate | | 488,127 | | 488,127 |
| Asset-backed securities | | 191,455 | | 191,455 |
| Non-Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | | 301,967 | | 301,967 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | | 158,988 | | 158,988 |

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|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Total fixed maturities | | 2,411,398 | | 2,411,398 |
| Total short-term investments | 215,052 | 35,571 | | 250,623 |
| Total | \$ 215,052 | \$ 2,446,969 | \$ | \$ 2,662,021 |

The table in section (c) below shows the aggregate cost (or amortized cost) and fair value of the Company's marketable securities, by investment type, as of the periods indicated.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

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At September 30, 2008, Level 3 assets totaled \$130,028, representing 4.5% of total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for all investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008:

| | Residential mortgage-backed securities | |
|--|---|---|
| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 |
| Level 3 investments Beginning of period | \$ | \$ |
| Net payments, purchases and sales | | |
| Realized losses | | |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | | |
| Net transfers in (out) | 130,028 | 130,028 |
| Level 3 investments End of period | \$ 130,028 | \$ 130,028 |

At September 30, 2008, \$10,356 of unrealized losses was recorded in income attributable to the residential mortgage-backed securities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs.

b) Net investment income

Net investment income is derived from the following sources:

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| Fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 32,443 | \$ 24,076 | \$ 98,654 | \$ 54,589 |
| Securities lending income | 261 | 59 | 1,150 | 66 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4,308 | 13,252 | 11,524 | 22,025 |
| Total gross investment income | 37,012 | 37,387 | 111,328 | 76,680 |
| Investment expenses | (633) | (827) | (2,471) | (1,881) |
| Net investment income | \$ 36,379 | \$ 36,560 | \$ 108,857 | \$ 74,799 |

The following represents an analysis of net realized gains (losses) and the change in unrealized gains (losses) of investments:

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, |

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| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fixed maturities, short-term investments and cash equivalents | | | | |
| Gross realized gains | \$ 3,653 | \$ 1,517 | \$ 14,965 | \$ 1,761 |
| Gross realized losses | (17,320) | (507) | (23,313) | (938) |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,667) | 1,010 | (8,348) | 823 |
| Change in unrealized losses of securities lending | (2,422) | | (3,316) | |
| Change in unrealized (losses) gains of investments | (12,227) | 7,681 | (69,292) | 3,136 |
| Total net realized (losses) gains and change in unrealized gains (losses) of investments | \$ (28,316) | \$ 8,691 | \$ (80,956) | \$ 3,959 |

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c) Fixed maturity and short-term investments

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and estimated fair value of investments at September 30, 2008 are as follows:

| | Amortized Cost | Gross unrealized gains | Gross unrealized losses | Estimated fair value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| U.S. Government and Government Agency | \$ 730,913 | \$ 8,242 | \$ (1,488) | \$ 737,667 |
| Other Sovereign and Sovereign Agency | 126,070 | 497 | (8,780) | 117,787 |
| Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | 442,554 | 3,449 | (687) | 445,316 |
| Corporate | 469,772 | 807 | (20,588) | 449,991 |
| Foreign Corporate | 186,312 | 405 | (10,283) | 176,434 |
| States, municipalities, political subdivision | 15,043 | | (13) | 15,030 |
| Asset-backed securities | 160,684 | 55 | (2,742) | 157,997 |
| Non-Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | 308,748 | 36,391 | (66,537) | 278,602 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 225,989 | 21 | (9,358) | 216,652 |
| Total fixed maturities | 2,666,085 | 49,867 | (120,476) | 2,595,476 |
| Total short-term investments | 327,048 | 7 | (1,782) | 325,273 |
| Total | \$ 2,993,133 | \$ 49,874 | \$ (122,258) | \$ 2,920,749 |

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and estimated fair value of investments at December 31, 2007 are as follows:

| | Amortized Cost | Gross unrealized gains | Gross unrealized losses | Estimated fair value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| U.S. Government and Government Agency | \$ 700,697 | \$ 7,163 | \$ (157) | \$ 707,703 |
| Other Sovereign and Sovereign Agency | 143,744 | 1,003 | (3,254) | 141,493 |
| Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | 417,358 | 4,544 | (237) | 421,665 |
| Corporate | 486,752 | 4,346 | (2,971) | 488,127 |
| Asset-backed securities | 191,413 | 641 | (599) | 191,455 |
| Non-Agency Residential mortgage-backed securities | 305,391 | 1,818 | (5,242) | 301,967 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 157,719 | 1,317 | (48) | 158,988 |

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total fixed maturities | 2,403,074 | 20,832 | (12,508) | 2,411,398 |
| Total short-term investments | 251,150 | 63 | (590) | 250,623 |
| Total | \$ 2,654,224 | \$ 20,895 | \$ (13,098) | \$ 2,662,021 |

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the investment ratings of the Company's fixed maturities portfolio as at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007. Investment ratings are the lower of Moody's or Standard & Poor's rating for each investment security, presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating. For investments where Moody's and Standard & Poor's ratings are not available, Fitch ratings are used and presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating.

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| | September 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Estimated fair value | % of total | Estimated fair value | % of total |
| AAA | \$ 2,097,056 | 80.8% | \$ 2,029,573 | 84.2% |
| AA+ | 35,378 | 1.4% | 37,458 | 1.6% |
| AA | 53,716 | 2.1% | 51,091 | 2.1% |
| AA- | 124,677 | 4.8% | 96,578 | 4.0% |
| A+ | 111,547 | 4.3% | 88,181 | 3.7% |
| A | 122,471 | 4.7% | 70,666 | 2.9% |
| A- | 41,427 | 1.6% | 29,948 | 1.2% |
| BBB+ | 6,040 | 0.2% | 7,903 | 0.3% |
| BBB | 2,205 | 0.1% | | 0.0% |
| BB | 959 | 0.0% | | 0.0% |
| Total | \$ 2,595,476 | 100.0% | \$ 2,411,398 | 100.0% |

The amortized cost and estimated fair value amounts for fixed maturity securities held at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are shown by contractual maturity. Actual maturity may differ from contractual maturity because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

| | September 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Amortized cost | Estimated fair value | Amortized cost | Estimated fair value |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 161,572 | \$ 160,194 | \$ 197,833 | \$ 198,466 |
| Due after one year through five years | 1,259,911 | 1,233,096 | 1,083,470 | 1,087,758 |
| Due after five years through ten years | 78,434 | 76,720 | 29,509 | 30,427 |
| Due after ten years | 28,193 | 26,899 | 20,381 | 20,672 |
| | 1,528,110 | 1,496,909 | 1,331,193 | 1,337,323 |
| Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities | 1,137,975 | 1,098,567 | 1,071,881 | 1,074,075 |
| Total | \$ 2,666,085 | \$ 2,595,476 | \$ 2,403,074 | \$ 2,411,398 |

The Company has a five year, \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility provided by a syndicate of commercial banks. At September 30, 2008 approximately \$99,294 (December 31, 2007: \$104,524) of letters of credit were issued and outstanding under this facility for which \$99,525 of investments were pledged as collateral (December 31, 2007: \$109,164). During the prior year the Company entered into a \$100,000 standby letter of credit facility which provides Funds at Lloyd's. At September 30, 2008, \$100,000 (December 31, 2007: \$100,000) of letters of credit were issued and outstanding under this facility for which \$103,002 of investments were pledged as collateral (December 31, 2007: \$118,121). In addition, \$64,251 of investments are held in trust at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$nil).

Cash and cash equivalents and investments in Talbot of \$1,023,214 at September 30, 2008 were held in trust for the benefit of cedants and policyholders, and to facilitate the accreditation as an alien insurer/reinsurer by certain regulators (December 31, 2007: \$1,064,430).

d) Securities lending

The Company participates in a securities lending program whereby certain securities from its portfolio are loaned to third parties for short periods of time through a lending agent. The Company retains all economic interest in the securities it lends and receives a fee from the borrower for the temporary use of the securities. Collateral in the form of cash, government securities and letters of credit is required at a rate of 102% of the market value of the loaned securities and is held by a third party. As at September 30, 2008, the Company had \$157,085 (December 31, 2007: \$161,579) in securities on loan. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company had recorded a \$3,316 unrealized loss on this collateral on its statements of operations (December 31, 2007: \$nil).

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Securities lending collateral reinvested is primarily comprised of corporate floating rate securities with an average reset period of 25.5 days (December 31, 2007: 42.9 days). As at September 30, 2008, the securities lending collateral reinvested by the Company in connection with its securities lending program is allocated between levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Corporate | \$ | \$ 59,364 | \$ | \$ 59,364 |
| Asset-backed securities | | 20,086 | | 20,086 |
| Short-term investments | 56,221 | 20,726 | | 76,947 |
| Agency | | 2,014 | | 2,014 |
| | \$ 56,221 | \$ 102,190 | \$ | \$ 158,411 |

As at December 31, 2007, the securities lending collateral reinvested by the Company in connection with its securities lending program are allocated between levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Corporate | \$ | \$ 49,055 | \$ | \$ 49,055 |
| Asset-backed securities | | 11,515 | | 11,515 |
| Short-term investments | 97,797 | 5,957 | | 103,754 |
| | \$ 97,797 | \$ 66,527 | \$ | \$ 164,324 |

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the investment ratings of the Company's securities lending collateral reinvested as at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007. Investment ratings are the lower of Moody's or Standard & Poor's rating for each investment security, presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating. For investments where Moody's and Standard & Poor's ratings are not available, Fitch ratings are used and presented in Standard & Poor's equivalent rating.

| | September 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Estimated fair value | % of total | Estimated fair value | % of total |
| AAA | \$ 51,625 | 32.6% | \$ 18,611 | 11.3% |
| AA+ | 4,960 | 3.1% | 2,999 | 1.8% |
| AA | 20,687 | 13.1% | 15,997 | 9.7% |
| AA- | 16,004 | 10.1% | 11,954 | 7.3% |
| A+ | 4,996 | 3.1% | 9,010 | 5.5% |
| A | 3,793 | 2.4% | 7,956 | 4.9% |
| NR | 125 | 0.1% | | 0.0% |

| | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | 102,190 | 64.5% | 66,527 | 40.5% |
| NR (1) | 56,221 | 35.5% | 97,797 | 59.5% |
| Total | \$ 158,411 | 100.0% | \$ 164,324 | 100.0% |

(1) This amount relates to cash and is therefore not a rated security.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value amounts for securities lending collateral reinvested held at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are shown by contractual maturity. Actual maturity may differ from contractual maturity because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

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| | September 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Amortized cost | Estimated fair value | Amortized cost | Estimated fair value |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 80,234 | \$ 78,961 | \$ 103,793 | \$ 104,151 |
| Due after one year through five years | 81,493 | 79,450 | 60,469 | 60,173 |
| Total | \$ 161,727 | \$ 158,411 | \$ 164,262 | \$ 164,324 |

4. Reinsurance

The Company enters into reinsurance and retrocession agreements in order to mitigate its accumulation of loss, reduce its liability on individual risks, enable it to underwrite policies with higher limits, and increase aggregate capacity. The cession of insurance and reinsurance does not legally discharge the Company from its primary liability for the full amount of the policies, and the Company is required to pay the loss and bear collection risk if the reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance agreement. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the underlying liabilities.

a) Credit risk

The Company evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers and monitors concentration of credit risk arising from its exposure to individual reinsurers. The reinsurance program is generally placed with reinsurers whose rating, at the time of placement, was A- or better rated by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent with other rating agencies. Exposure to a single reinsurer is also controlled with restrictions dependent on rating. 100.0% of reinsurance recoverables (which includes loss reserves recoverable and recoverables on paid losses) at September 30, 2008 were from reinsurers rated A- or better, or from reinsurers posting full collateral, and included \$32,529 of IBNR recoverable (December 31, 2007: \$35,340). Reinsurance recoverables by reinsurer are as follows:

| | September 30, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Reinsurance recoverable | % of Total | Reinsurance recoverable | % of Total |
| Top 10 reinsurers | \$ 166,672 | 94.2% | \$ 129,978 | 91.4% |
| Other reinsurers balances > \$1 million | 7,673 | 4.3% | 8,700 | 6.1% |
| Other reinsurers balances < \$1 million | 2,634 | 1.5% | 3,536 | 2.5% |
| Total | \$ 176,979 | 100.0% | \$ 142,214 | 100.0% |

| | September 30, 2008 | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| | Reinsurance recoverable | % of Total |
| Top 10 Reinsurers | Rating | |
| Fully collateralized reinsurers | NR | \$ 53,591 32.2% |
| Hannover Re | AA- | 30,627 18.4% |
| Lloyd's syndicates | A+ | 28,073 16.8% |

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|------------------------------------|-----|------------|--------|
| Allianz | AA | 13,927 | 8.4% |
| Munich Re | AA- | 13,418 | 8.1% |
| Swiss Re | AA- | 12,392 | 7.4% |
| Aspen Insurance UK Limited | A | 5,557 | 3.3% |
| Transatlantic Reinsurance Co. | AA- | 3,553 | 2.1% |
| Platinum Underwriters Bermuda Ltd. | A | 3,006 | 1.8% |
| Axa | AA | 2,528 | 1.5% |
| | | \$ 166,672 | 100.0% |

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| | | December 31, 2007 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Top 10 Reinsurers | Rating | Reinsurance recoverable | % of Total |
| Hannover Re | AA- | \$ 31,630 | 24.4% |
| Lloyd's syndicates | A+ | 29,613 | 22.8% |
| Swiss Re | AA- | 18,758 | 14.4% |
| Munich Re | AA- | 14,322 | 11.0% |
| Allianz | AA | 13,461 | 10.4% |
| Axa | AA | 7,418 | 5.7% |
| Aspen Insurance UK Limited | A | 4,978 | 3.8% |
| National Indemnity Company | AAA | 4,738 | 3.6% |
| Transatlantic Reinsurance Co. | AA- | 2,970 | 2.3% |
| Max Re Ltd. | A- | 2,090 | 1.6% |
| | | \$ 129,978 | 100.0% |

At September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the provision for uncollectible reinsurance relating to losses recoverable was \$2,957 and \$3,106. To estimate the provision for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable, the reinsurance recoverable must first be allocated to applicable reinsurers. This determination is based on a process rather than an estimate, although an element of judgment must be applied. As part of this process, ceded IBNR is allocated by reinsurer. Of the \$176,979 reinsurance recoverable at September 30, 2008, \$53,591 was collateralized (December 31, 2007: \$nil).

The Company uses a default analysis to estimate uncollectible reinsurance. The primary components of the default analysis are reinsurance recoverable balances by reinsurer and default factors used to determine the portion of a reinsurer's balance deemed to be uncollectible. Default factors require considerable judgment and are determined using the current rating, or rating equivalent, of each reinsurer as well as other key considerations and assumptions.

At September 30, 2008, the use of different assumptions within the model could have a material effect on the provision for uncollectible reinsurance reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements. To the extent the creditworthiness of the Company's reinsurers was to deteriorate due to an adverse event affecting the reinsurance industry, such as a large number of major catastrophes, actual uncollectible amounts could be significantly greater than the Company's provision.

b) Collateralized quota share retrocession treaties

Between May 8, 2006 and July 28, 2006, Validus Re entered into retrocessional reinsurance agreements with Petrel Re Limited (Petrel), a Bermuda reinsurance company. These agreements include quota share reinsurance agreements (Petrel Collateralized Quota Shares) whereby Petrel assumes a quota share of certain lines of marine & energy and other lines of business assumed by Validus Re for unaffiliated third parties for the 2006 and 2007 underwriting years. Under the terms of the reinsurance agreements, the Company has determined it is not required to consolidate the assets, liabilities and results of operations of Petrel under the terms of FIN 46(R). Petrel is a separate legal entity in which the Company has no equity investment, management or board interests or related party relationships. The collateralized quota share retrocessional reinsurance agreement with Petrel was not extended beyond the 2007 underwriting year.

Petrel is required to contribute funds into a trust (the Petrel Trust) for the benefit of Validus Re. Under the Petrel Collateralized Quota Shares, the amount required to be on deposit in the Petrel Trust is the sum of (i) full aggregate

outstanding limits in excess of unpaid premium and related ceding commission on all in force covered policies plus (ii) an amount determined by Validus Re in its discretion to support known losses under covered policies (the Required Amount of Available Assets). If the actual amounts on deposit in the Petrel Trust, together with certain other amounts (the Available Assets), do not at least equal the Required Amount of Available Assets, Validus Re will, among other things, cease ceding business on a prospective basis.

Validus Re pays a reinsurance premium to Petrel in the amount of the ceded percentage of the original gross premiums written on the business reinsured with Petrel less a ceding commission, which includes a reimbursement of direct acquisition expenses as well as a commission to Validus Re for generating the business. The Petrel

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Collateralized Quota Shares also provides for a profit commission to Validus Re based on the underwriting results for the 2006 and 2007 underwriting years on a cumulative basis.

For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 Validus Re ceded \$(69) and \$7,291 of premiums written through the Petrel Collateralized Quota Shares. The earned portion of premiums ceded to Petrel for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$(69) and \$14,629. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 Validus Re ceded \$(2,013) and \$53,195 of premiums written through the Petrel Collateralized Quota Shares. The earned portion of premiums ceded to Petrel for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$8,198 and \$36,045.

On December 22, 2007, Validus Re entered into a collateralized retrocessional reinsurance agreement with an unaffiliated third party whereby the Company cedes certain business underwritten in the marine offshore energy lines. For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 Validus Re ceded \$3,994 and \$nil of premiums written through this agreement. The earned portions of premiums ceded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were \$7,744 and \$nil. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 Validus Re ceded \$18,554 and \$nil of premiums written through this agreement. The earned portions of premiums ceded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were \$14,230 and \$nil.

5. Share capital

A reverse stock split of the outstanding shares of the Company was approved by the shareholders effective immediately following the Company's Annual General Meeting on March 1, 2007, whereby each 1.75 outstanding shares was consolidated into 1 share, and the par value of the Company's shares was increased to \$0.175 per share. This share consolidation has been reflected retroactively in these financial statements.

a) Authorized and issued

The Company's authorized share capital is 571,428,571 ordinary voting and non-voting ordinary shares with a par value of \$0.175 each. The holders of ordinary voting shares are allocated one vote per share, provided that, if the controlled shares of any shareholder or group of related shareholders constitute more than 9.09 percent of the outstanding common shares of the Company, their voting power will be reduced to 9.09 percent.

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had issued 58,423,173 common shares at a price of \$17.50 in a private offering. Shares issued consisted of both voting common shares and non-voting common shares which are identical in all respects, other than with respect to voting and conversion of non-voting common shares. Of the shares issued at December 31, 2005, 14,057,138 were non-voting and an additional 5,714,285 shares converted to non-voting upon the filing of the Company's registration statement for its initial public offering (IPO). Proceeds from this issuance, after offering expenses, were \$999,997. These proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

The Company issued an additional 59,427 voting shares in a private offering in February 2006 at a price of \$17.50 for net proceeds of \$1,030.

On July 2, 2007, the Company acquired Talbot and agreed to issue an additional 18,415 common shares to certain employees of Talbot. These employees had elected to receive common shares of the Company in lieu of a cash settlement for the purchase of their Talbot shares. The issued common shares of the Company were valued at \$23.00 per share and were issued on July 2, 2007.

On July 30, 2007, the Company completed its IPO, selling 15,244,888 common shares at a price of \$22.00 per share. The net proceeds to the Company from the IPO were approximately \$310,731, after deducting the underwriters discount and fees. On July 31, 2007, the Company used \$188,971 of the net proceeds to fully repay borrowings and to pay accrued interest under its unsecured credit facility. The Company used the remaining \$121,760 of net proceeds to make a capital contribution to Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. to support the future growth of

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reinsurance operations and to pay certain expenses related to the Talbot acquisition and make a \$3,000 payment to Aquiline in connection with the termination of the Advisory Agreement.

On August 27, 2007, the Company issued an additional 453,933 common shares at a price of \$22.00 per share pursuant to the underwriters' option to purchase additional common shares. The net proceeds to the Company of \$9,349 were contributed to Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. Inclusive of the net proceeds from the underwriters' option to purchase additional common shares, total proceeds from the IPO were approximately \$320,080 and capital contributed to Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. was approximately \$127,312.

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, no warrants or options were exercised. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 31,580 warrants were exercised, resulting in the net share issuance of 18,980 common shares. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 24,661 options were exercised resulting in the issuance of 24,661 common shares.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, 498,024 Employee Seller Shares vested, resulting in the issuance of 498,024 common shares. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, 181,053 Restricted Share Awards vested, resulting in the issuance of 136,636 common shares.

b) Warrants

The Company's founder and sponsoring investors provided their insurance industry expertise, resources and relationships during the period ended December 31, 2005 to ensure that the Company would be fully operational with key management in place in time for the January 2006 renewal season. In return for these services the founder and sponsoring investors were issued warrants. Until July 30, 2007, the IPO date, agreements with the founder and sponsoring investors provided that the warrants represented, in the aggregate, 12.0% of the fully diluted shares of the Company (assuming exercise of all options, warrants and any other rights to purchase common shares) and were subject to adjustment such that the warrants would continue to represent, in the aggregate, 12.0% of the fully diluted shares of the Company until such time as the Company consummated an initial public offering, amalgamation, merger or another such similar corporate event. In consideration for the founder's and sponsoring investors' commitments, the Company had issued as at September 30, 2008 warrants to the founding shareholder and sponsoring investors to purchase, in the aggregate, up to 8,680,149 (December 31, 2007 to 8,711,729) common shares. Of those issued 2,090,815 (December 31, 2007 to 2,090,185) of the warrants are to purchase non-voting common shares. The 12.0% agreement expired on the consummation of the IPO. No further warrants are anticipated to be issued.

In February 2006 and July 2007 additional warrants were issued to the founding shareholder and sponsoring investors to maintain the allocation at 12.0% of the fully diluted shares of the Company pursuant to the anti-dilution provision of the warrants. 8,593 warrants were issued in February 2006 and 256,409 warrants were issued in July 2007.

The warrants may be settled using either the physical settlement or net-share settlement methods. The warrants have been classified as equity instruments, in accordance with EITF 00-19: Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock. The warrants were initially measured at an aggregate fair value of \$75,091 and recorded to additional paid-in capital. The founding shareholder's warrants in the amount of \$25,969 were accounted for as a deduction from additional paid-in capital and the balance of \$49,122 was expensed. The additional warrants issued for the period ended December 31, 2006 increased the fair value to \$75,168 with the increase of \$77 expensed. The additional warrants issued for the period ended December 31, 2007 increased the fair value to \$78,060 with the increase of \$2,893 expensed.

The fair value of each warrant issued was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The volatility assumption used, of approximately 30.0%, was derived from the historical volatility of the

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share price of a range of publicly-traded Bermuda reinsurance companies of a similar business nature to the Company. No allowance was made for any potential illiquidity associated with the private trading of the Company's shares. The other assumptions in the warrant-pricing model were as follows:

| | December 15, 2005 issuance | February 3, 2006 issuance | July 24, 2007 issuance |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Warrants issued | 8,446,727 | 8,593 | 256,409 |
| Average strike price | \$ 17.50 | \$ 17.50 | \$ 20.00 |
| Volatility | 30.0% | 30.0% | 30.0% |
| Risk-free rate | 4.5% | 4.5% | 4.5% |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Expected term (years) | 10.0 | 10.0 | 8.0 |
| Calculated fair-value per warrant | \$ 8.89 | \$ 8.89 | \$ 11.28 |

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, no warrants were exercised. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 31,580 warrants were exercised, resulting in the net share issuance of 18,980 common shares.

c) Dividends

On February 20, 2008 the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share and \$0.20 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is then exercisable, payable on March 17, 2008 to holders of record on March 3, 2008.

On May 9, 2008 the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share and \$0.20 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is then exercisable, payable on June 5, 2008 to holders of record on May 22, 2008.

On August 7, 2008 the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share and \$0.20 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is then exercisable, payable on September 4, 2008 to holders of record on August 21, 2008. The Company did not declare any dividends for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007.

6. Stock plans**a) Long-term incentive plan**

The Company's Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) provides for grants to employees of any option, stock appreciation right (SAR), restricted share, restricted share unit, performance share, performance unit, dividend equivalent or other share-based award. The total number of shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP is 13,126,896 shares. The LTIP is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. No SARs, performance shares, performance units or dividend equivalents have been granted to date. Grant prices are established at the estimated fair market value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant.

b) LTIP options

Options granted under the LTIP may be exercised for voting common shares upon vesting. Options have a life of 10 years and vest ratably. Grant prices are established at the estimated fair value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions used: risk free interest rate of 3.88%, (2007: 4.5%) expected life of 7 years, (2007: 7 years) expected volatility of 30% (2007: 30%) and a dividend yield of 3.20% (2007: nil). Expected volatility is based on stock price volatility of comparable publicly-traded companies. The company uses the simplified method outlined in the SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 110 to estimate expected lives for options granted during the period as historical exercise data

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is not available and the options meet the requirement as set out in the bulletin. Share expense of \$1,080 was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 (2007: \$1,086) related to the options, with a corresponding increase to additional paid-in capital. Share expense of \$3,171 was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 (2007: \$2,930) related to the options, with a corresponding increase to additional paid-in capital. The expense represents the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period. Activity with respect to the options for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

| | Options | Weighted average grant date fair value | Weighted average grant date exercise price |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| Options outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 2,761,176 | \$ 7.61 | \$ 17.82 |
| Options granted | 164,166 | 6.73 | 24.73 |
| Options exercised | (24,661) | 7.35 | 17.50 |
| Options forfeited | (11,099) | 8.33 | 18.46 |
| Options outstanding, September 30, 2008 | 2,889,582 | \$ 7.56 | \$ 18.21 |
| Options exercisable at September 30, 2008 | 1,032,392 | \$ 7.49 | \$ 17.67 |

Activity with respect to options for the year ended December 31, 2007 is as follows:

| | Options | Weighted average grant date fair value | Weighted average grant date exercise price |
|--|----------------|---|---|
| Options outstanding, December 31, 2006 | 2,568,894 | \$ 7.35 | \$ 17.50 |
| Options granted | 206,464 | 10.88 | 21.44 |
| Options exercised | | | |
| Options forfeited | (14,182) | 10.30 | 20.39 |
| Options outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 2,761,176 | \$ 7.61 | \$ 17.82 |
| Options exercisable at December 31, 2007 | 908,361 | \$ 7.36 | \$ 17.52 |

At September 30, 2008 there was \$10,219 (December 31, 2007: \$12,340) of total unrecognized compensation expense related to the outstanding options that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.5 years (December 31, 2007: 3.1 years).

c) LTIP restricted shares

Restricted shares granted under the LTIP vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions for the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. Share expense of \$3,767 (2007: \$1,629) was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 related to the restricted shares. Share expense of \$10,334 (2007: \$3,707) was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 related to the restricted shares. The expense represents the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period. Activity with respect to unvested restricted shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

| | Restricted shares | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Restricted shares outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 2,158,220 | \$ 20.44 |
| Restricted shares granted | 864,649 | 24.39 |
| Restricted shares vested | (181,053) | 21.93 |
| Restricted shares forfeited | (17,264) | 22.62 |
| Restricted shares outstanding, September 30, 2008 | 2,824,552 | \$ 21.57 |

Activity with respect to unvested restricted shares for the period ended December 31, 2007 is as follows:

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| | Restricted shares | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| Restricted shares outstanding, December 31, 2006 | 733,964 | \$ 17.52 |
| Restricted shares granted | 1,428,306 | 21.94 |
| Restricted shares vested | | |
| Restricted shares forfeited | (4,050) | 20.39 |
| Restricted shares outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 2,158,220 | \$ 20.44 |

At September 30, 2008 there was \$33,085 (December 31, 2007: \$25,116) of total unrecognized compensation expense related to the outstanding restricted shares that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.2 years (December 31, 2007: 3.4 years).

d) Employee Seller Shares

Pursuant to the Share Sale Agreement for the purchase of Talbot, the Company issued 1,209,741 restricted shares to Talbot employees (the Employee Seller Shares). Upon consummation of the acquisition, the Employee Seller Shares were validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable and entitled to vote and participate in distributions and dividends in accordance with the Company's by-laws. However, the Employee Seller Shares are subject to a restricted period during which the Employee Seller Shares are subject to forfeiture (as implemented by repurchase by the Company for a nominal amount). Forfeiture of Employee Seller Shares will generally occur in the event that any such Talbot employee's employment terminates, with certain exceptions, prior to the end of the restricted period. The restricted period will end for 25% of the Employee Seller Shares on each anniversary of the closing date of July 2, 2007 for all Talbot employees other than Talbot's Chairman, such that after four years forfeiture will be completely extinguished. Share expense of \$1,153 and \$3,417, respectively, was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. Share expense of \$6,286 and \$3,417, respectively, was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. The expense represents the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period. Activity with respect to unvested restricted shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

| | Restricted shares | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Employee seller shares outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 1,209,741 | \$ 22.01 |
| Employee seller shares granted | | |
| Employee seller shares vested | (498,024) | 22.01 |
| Employee seller shares forfeited | (17,079) | 22.01 |

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Employee seller shares outstanding, September 30, 2008 694,638 \$ 22.01

Activity with respect to unvested restricted shares for the year ended December 31, 2007 is as follows:

| | Restricted shares | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Employee seller shares outstanding, December 31, 2006 | | \$ |
| Employee seller shares granted | 1,209,741 | 22.01 |
| Employee seller shares vested | | |
| Employee seller shares forfeited | | |
| Employee seller shares outstanding, December 31, 2007 | 1,209,741 | \$ 22.01 |

At September 30, 2008 there was \$12,190 (December 31, 2007: \$18,852) of total unrecognized compensation expense related to the outstanding restricted shares that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years (December 31, 2007: 3.1 years).

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e) Restricted Share Units

Restricted share units under the LTIP vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions for the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. Share expense of \$12 (2007: \$nil) was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 related to the restricted shares units. Share expense of \$27 (2007: \$nil) was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 related to the restricted shares units. The expense represents the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period. Activity with respect to unvested restricted shares units for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

| | Restricted shares units | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|--|--|---|
| Restricted share units outstanding, December 31, 2007 | | \$ |
| Restricted share units granted | 11,853 | 25.28 |
| Restricted share units vested | | |
| Restricted share units forfeited | | |
| Restricted share units outstanding, September 30, 2008 | 11,853 | \$ 25.28 |

At September 30, 2008 there was \$223 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to the outstanding restricted shares units that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 4.6 years.

f) Total Share Expense

The breakdown of share expense is as follows:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| LTIP options | \$ 1,080 | \$ 1,086 | \$ 3,171 | \$ 2,930 |
| LTIP restricted shares | 3,767 | 1,629 | 10,334 | 3,707 |
| LTIP restricted share units | 12 | | 27 | |
| Employee seller shares | 1,153 | 3,417 | 6,286 | 3,417 |
| Total share compensation expense | \$ 6,012 | \$ 6,132 | \$ 19,818 | \$ 10,054 |

7. Debt and financing arrangements**a) Financing structure and finance expenses**

The financing structure at September 30, 2008 was:

| | Commitment | Outstanding(1) | Drawn |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 |

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| | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 200,000 | 154,300 | 154,300 |
| \$200,000 unsecured letter of credit facility | 200,000 | | |
| \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility | 500,000 | 99,524 | |
| Talbot FAL facility | 100,000 | 100,000 | |
| Talbot third party FAL facility (2) | 144,015 | 144,015 | |
| Total | \$ 1,294,015 | \$ 647,839 | \$ 304,300 |

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- (1) Indicates utilization of commitment amount, not drawn borrowings.

- (2) Talbot operates in Lloyd's through a corporate member, Talbot 2002 Underwriting Capital Ltd (T02), which is the sole participant in Syndicate 1183. Lloyd's sets T02's required capital annually based on syndicate 1183's business plan, rating environment, reserving environment together with input arising from Lloyd's discussions with, inter alia, regulatory and rating agencies. Such capital, called Funds at Lloyd's (FAL), comprises: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit

provided by various banks. For the 2006 and 2007 years of account, Talbot's underwriting was supported by various third parties (Talbot third party FAL facility). The members of the Talbot third party FAL facility provided FAL, in the form of cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks, in exchange for payment calculated principally by reference to the Syndicate 1183's 2006 and 2007 results, as appropriate, when they are declared.

The financing structure at December 31, 2007 was:

| | Commitment | Outstanding | Drawn |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| \$200,000 unsecured letter of credit facility | 200,000 | | |
| \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility | 500,000 | 104,524 | |
| Talbot FAL facility | 100,000 | 100,000 | |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | 174,365 | 174,365 | |
| Total | \$ 1,324,365 | \$ 728,889 | \$ 350,000 |

Finance expenses consist of interest on our junior subordinated deferrable debentures, the amortization of debt offering costs, fees relating to our credit facilities and the costs of FAL. Finance expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 were as follows:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 3,588 | \$ 3,593 | \$ 10,765 | \$ 10,774 |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 3,509 | 4,294 | 11,517 | 4,598 |
| Credit facilities | 218 | 1,141 | 692 | 2,101 |
| Talbot FAL facilities | 44 | | 169 | |
| Talbot other interest | (194) | 76 | (81) | 76 |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | 7,352 | 8,782 | 25,734 | 8,782 |
| Total | \$ 14,517 | \$ 17,886 | \$ 48,796 | \$ 26,331 |

b) Junior subordinated deferrable debentures

On June 15, 2006, the Company participated in a private placement of \$150,000 of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due 2036 (the 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures). The 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures mature on June 15, 2036, are redeemable at the Company's option at par beginning June 15, 2011, and require quarterly interest payments by the Company to the holders of the 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. Interest will be payable at 9.069% per annum through June 15, 2011,

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and thereafter at a floating rate of three-month LIBOR plus 355 basis points, reset quarterly. The proceeds of \$150,000 from the sale of the 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, after the deduction of commissions paid to the placement agents in the transaction and other expenses, are being used by the Company to fund Validus Re segment operations and for general working capital purposes. Debt issuance costs of \$3,750 were deferred as an asset and are amortized to income over the five year optional redemption period.

On June 21, 2007, the Company participated in a private placement of \$200,000 of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due 2037 (the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures). The 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures mature on June 15, 2037, are redeemable at the Company's option at par beginning June 15, 2012, and require quarterly interest payments by the Company to the holders of the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. Interest will be payable at 8.480% per annum through June 15, 2012, and thereafter at a floating rate of three-month LIBOR plus 295 basis points, reset quarterly. The proceeds of \$200,000 from the sale of the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, after the deduction of commissions paid to the placement agents in the transaction and other expenses, were used by the Company to fund the purchase of Talbot Holdings Ltd. Debt issuance costs of \$2,000 were deferred as an asset and are amortized to income over the five year optional redemption period.

On April 29, 2008, the Company repurchased from an unaffiliated financial institution \$45,700 principal amount of its 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures due 2037 at an aggregate price of \$36,560, plus accrued and unpaid interest of \$474. The repurchase resulted in the recognition of a realized gain of \$8,752 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Future expected payments of interest and principal on the Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 2008 | \$ 6,672 |
| 2009 | 26,688 |
| 2010 | 26,688 |
| 2011 | 169,887 |
| 2012 and thereafter | 160,842 |
| Total minimum future payments | \$ 390,777 |

c) Credit facilities

On March 14, 2006 (the effective date), the Company entered into a 364-day \$100,000 revolving credit facility and a three-year \$200,000 secured letter of credit facility. The credit facilities were provided by a syndicate of commercial banks arranged by J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Associated with each of these bank facilities are various covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement under the revolving credit facility that the Company at all times maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least 65% of consolidated net worth calculated as of the effective date, (ii) the requirement under the letter of credit facility that the Company initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least 65% of the consolidated net worth as calculated as of the effective date, and thereafter to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of any net proceeds received from any issuance of common shares of the Company during such quarter, and (iii) the requirement under each of the facilities that the Company maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.30:1.00. The Company was in compliance with the covenants at December 31, 2006 and for the period then ended.

On March 12, 2007, the Company entered into a new \$200,000 three-year unsecured facility, as subsequently amended on October 25, 2007, which provides for letter of credit availability for Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and our other subsidiaries and revolving credit availability for the Company (the full \$200,000 of which is available for letters of credit and/or revolving loans), and a new \$500,000 five-year secured letter of credit facility, as

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subsequently amended, which provides for letter of credit availability for Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and our other subsidiaries. The new credit facilities were provided by a syndicate of commercial banks arranged by J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. The new credit facilities replaced our existing 364-day \$100,000 senior unsecured revolving credit facility and our existing three-year \$200,000 senior secured letter of credit facility, which have each been terminated.

The credit facilities contain affirmative covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that the Company initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least \$872,000, and commencing with the end of the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2007 to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of our consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of any net proceeds received from any issuance of common shares during such quarter, (ii) the requirement that the Company maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00, and (iii) the requirement that Validus Re Ltd. and any other material insurance subsidiaries maintain a financial strength rating by A.M. Best of not less than B++ (Fair). For purposes of covenant compliance (i) net worth is calculated with investments carried at amortized cost and (ii) consolidated total debt does not include the Company's junior subordinated deferrable debentures. The credit facilities also contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests at any time that we are otherwise in default with respect to certain provisions under the credit facilities, make investments, incur debt at our subsidiaries, incur liens, sell assets and merge or consolidate with others. As of September 30, 2008 and throughout the reporting periods presented, where appropriate, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the credit facilities.

On July 2, 2007, the Company made a draw upon the \$200,000 unsecured credit facility in the amount of \$188,000. These funds were used to fund a portion of the cash purchase price for the Company's acquisition of Talbot and associated expenses. The interest rate set in respect of borrowing amounts under its credit facility borrowings as of July 2, 2007 was 6.0% per annum. On July 31, 2007, the Company fully repaid these borrowings and paid accrued interest with \$188,971 of proceeds from its initial public offering. As of September 30, 2008, we have \$99,294 in outstanding letters of credit under our five-year secured letter of credit facility (December 31, 2007: \$104,524) and no amounts outstanding under our three-year unsecured facility (December 31, 2007: \$nil).

On November 25, 2003, Talbot entered into a standby Letter of Credit facility as subsequently amended (the 2003 Talbot FAL facility). The 2003 Talbot FAL facility provided for dollar-based letter of credit availability for Talbot and designated subsidiaries for the purpose of providing funds at Lloyd's. The commitment amount under the 2003 Talbot FAL facility of \$30,000 was provided by Lloyds TSB Bank plc. The 2003 Talbot FAL facility contains affirmative covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that Talbot maintain a minimum level of consolidated tangible net worth, (ii) the requirement that Talbot maintain at all times a consolidated net borrowings to consolidated tangible net worth ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00, (iii) the requirement that Talbot's subordinated FAL (Funds at Lloyd's which in accordance with the applicable providers agreement, is intended to be drawn in priority to any letters of credit under the 2003 Talbot FAL facility) be at least \$200,000, and (iv) a requirement that the forecast losses of the syndicate not exceed 7.5% of the syndicate premium limit in any one open year of account and a requirement that the per scenario estimated net losses not exceed 15% of the syndicate premium limit in any year of account. The 2003 Talbot FAL facility also contained restrictions on Talbot's ability to incur debt at the parent or subsidiary level, sell assets, incur liens, merge or consolidate with others and make investments or change investment strategy. This facility was cancelled in November 2007 and replaced by a \$100,000 standby Letter of Credit facility.

On March 10, 2006, Talbot entered into \$25,000 revolving loan facility, as subsequently amended (the Talbot Revolving Loan Facility), which provided for dollar or sterling-based revolving credit availability for Talbot. The facility limit for the Talbot Revolving Loan Facility automatically reduced to \$7,500 at July 1, 2007. The Talbot Revolving Loan Facility was provided by Lloyds TSB Bank plc. The Talbot Revolving Loan Facility contains

affirmative covenants that include, among other things the requirement that Talbot maintain a minimum level of consolidated tangible net worth and also contains restrictions on Talbot's ability to incur debt, incur liens and sell or transfer assets on non-arms length terms. As of December 31, 2006 and throughout the reporting periods presented,

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where appropriate, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions. This facility was cancelled in November 2007 and Lloyds TSB Bank plc entered into the \$200,000 three-year unsecured facility by assuming \$7,500 from the existing syndicate of commercial banks.

On October 25, 2007, the Company entered into the First Amendment to each of its Three-Year Unsecured Letter of Credit Facility Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2007 and its Five-Year Secured Letter of Credit Facility Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2007 (together, the Credit Facilities), among the Company, Validus Reinsurance, Ltd., the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, to provide for, among other things, additional capacity to incur up to \$100,000 under a new Funds at Lloyd s Letter of Credit Facility (FAL LoC Facility) to support underwriting capacity provided to Talbot 2002 Underwriting Ltd through Syndicate 1183 at Lloyd s of London for the 2008 and 2009 underwriting years of account. The amendment also modifies certain provisions in the Credit Facilities in order to permit dividend payments on existing and future preferred and hybrid securities notwithstanding certain events of default.

On November 28, 2007, Talbot entered into a \$100,000 standby Letter of Credit facility (the Talbot FAL facility) to provide funds at Lloyd s; this facility is guaranteed by the Company and is secured against the assets of Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. The Talbot FAL facility was provided by a syndicate of commercial banks arranged by Lloyds TSB Bank plc and ING Bank N.V., London Branch. The Talbot FAL Facility contains affirmative covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that the Company initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least \$1,164,265, and commencing with the end of the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2007 to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of our consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of any net proceeds received from any issuance of common shares during such quarter, and (ii) the requirement that the Company maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00. This Talbot FAL facility replaced the 2003 Talbot FAL facility.

The Talbot FAL facility also contains restrictions on our ability to incur debt at our subsidiaries, incur liens or sell assets. Other than in respect of existing and future preferred and hybrid securities, the payment of dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests are not permitted at any time that we are in default with respect to certain provisions under the credit facilities. As of September 30, 2008, Talbot had \$100,000 in outstanding letters of credit and was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Talbot FAL facility.

d) Funds at Lloyd s

Talbot s underwriting at Lloyd s is supported by Funds at Lloyd s (FAL) comprising: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks on behalf of various companies and persons under reinsurance and other agreements. The FAL are provided in exchange for payment calculated principally by reference to the syndicate s results, as appropriate, when they are declared. The amounts of cash, investments and letters of credit at September 30, 2008 supporting the 2008 underwriting year amount to \$316,483, all of which is provided by the Company. A third party FAL facility comprising \$144,015 which supports the 2006 and 2007 underwriting years has now been withdrawn from Lloyd s and placed in escrow, however, the funds remain available to pay losses on those years for which that FAL has been contracted to support.

8. Commitments and contingencies***a) Concentrations of credit risk***

The Company s investments are managed following prudent standards of diversification. The Company attempts to limit its credit exposure by purchasing high quality fixed income investments to maintain an average portfolio credit quality of AA- or higher with mortgage and commercial mortgage-backed issues having an aggregate weighted average credit quality of triple-A. In addition, the Company limits its exposure to any single issuer to 3% or less of its investment portfolio, excluding treasury and agency securities. The minimum credit rating of any security purchased is A-/A3 and; where investments are downgraded, the Company permits a holding of up to 2% in

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aggregate market value, or 10% with written pre-authorization. At September 30, 2008, 0.6% of the portfolio had ratings below A-/A3, none of which were rated below BB or Baa3. Also at September 30, 2008, the Company did not have an aggregate exposure to any single issuer of more than 2.2% of our investment portfolio, other than with respect to U.S. government securities.

b) Funds at Lloyd's

Talbot operates in Lloyd's through a corporate member, Talbot 2002 Underwriting Capital Ltd (T02), which is the sole participant in Syndicate 1183. Lloyd's sets T02's required capital annually based on syndicate 1183's business plan, rating environment, reserving environment together with input arising from Lloyd's discussions with, inter alia, regulatory and rating agencies. Such capital, called Funds at Lloyd's (FAL), comprises: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks. The amounts of cash, investments and letters of credit at September 30, 2008 amount to \$316,483 (December 31, 2007: \$316,483).

For the 2006 and 2007 years of account, the Company's underwriting was supported by various third parties (Talbot third party FAL facility). The members of the Talbot third party FAL facility provided FAL, in the form of cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks, in exchange for payment calculated principally by reference to the Syndicate 1183's 2006 and 2007 results, as appropriate, when they are declared.

The Talbot third party FAL facility support each year of account as follows:

| | 2006 | 2007 |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Underwriting | Underwriting |
| | year | year |
| Common to both years | \$ 105,990 | \$ 105,990 |
| 2006 only | 22,500 | |
| 2007 only | | 15,525 |
| Total | \$ 128,490 | \$ 121,515 |

The FAL are provided for each year of account as follows:

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Underwriting | Underwriting | Underwriting |
| | year | year | year |
| Company funds | \$ 110,075 | \$ 115,000 | \$ 216,483 |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | 128,490 | 121,515 | |
| Talbot FAL facility | 30,000 | 30,000 | 100,000 |
| Total FAL | \$ 268,565 | \$ 266,515 | \$ 316,483 |

The amounts provided under the Talbot FAL facility would become a liability of the Company in the event of the syndicate declaring a loss at a level which would call on this arrangement.

The amounts provided under the Talbot third party FAL facility would not become a liability of the Company in the event of the syndicate declaring a loss at a level which would call on such arrangements.

The amounts which the Company provides as FAL is not available for distribution to the Company for the payment of dividends. Talbot's corporate member may also be required to maintain funds under the control of Lloyd's in excess of its capital requirement and such funds also may not be available for distribution to the Company for the payment of

dividends.

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c) Lloyd's New Central Fund

Whenever a member of Lloyd's is unable to pay its debts to policyholders, such debts may be payable by the Lloyd's Central Fund. If Lloyd's determines that the Central Fund needs to be increased, it has the power to assess premium levies on current Lloyd's members up to 3.0% of a member's underwriting capacity in any one year. The Company does not believe that any assessment is likely in the foreseeable future and has not provided any allowance for such an assessment. However, based on the Company's 2008 capacity at Lloyd's of £325,000 the September 30, 2008 exchange rate of £0.56 equals \$1.00 and assuming the maximum 3% assessment the Company could be assessed approximately \$17,355.

9. Related party transactions

The transactions listed below are classified as related party transactions as each counterparty has either a direct or indirect shareholding in the Company.

- a) Merrill Lynch entities own 5,714,285 non-voting shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 1,067,187 shares and have an employee on the Board of Directors who does not receive compensation from the Company. Merrill Lynch warrants are convertible to non-voting shares as described in note 5. In addition, entities affiliated with Merrill Lynch were the initial purchasers of \$40,000 of the 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures.
- b) The Company entered into an agreement on December 8, 2005 with BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. (BlackRock) under which BlackRock was appointed as an investment manager of part of its investment portfolio. The Company incurred \$401 and \$539 during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$1,624 and \$1,293 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$488 was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$787). Merrill Lynch is a shareholder of Blackrock.
- c) The Company entered into an agreement on December 8, 2005 with Goldman Sachs Asset Management and its affiliates (GSAM) under which GSAM was appointed as an investment manager of part of the Company's investment portfolio. Goldman Sachs entities, which own 14,057,137 non-voting shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 1,604,410 non-voting shares, and have an employee on the Board of Directors who does not receive compensation from the Company. The Company incurred \$291 and \$201 during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$1,038 and \$587 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$527 was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$460).
- d) Vestar Capital entities, which own 8,571,427 shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 972,810 shares, are shareholders of PARIS RE Holdings Limited (Paris Re), and have an employee on the Board of Directors who does not receive compensation from the Company. Pursuant to reinsurance agreements with Paris Re, the Company recognized \$nil of gross premiums written during both three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$5,885 and \$nil during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$3,959 was included in premiums receivable at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$nil). The earned premiums adjustment of \$(194) and \$nil was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.
- e) Aquiline entities, which own 6,857,143 shares in the Company, hold warrants to purchase 3,193,865 shares, and have three employees on the Board of Directors who do not receive compensation from the Company, are

shareholders of Group Ark Insurance Holdings Ltd. (Group Ark). Pursuant to reinsurance agreements with Group Ark, the Company recognized \$nil of gross premiums written during both three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$nil during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$nil was included in premiums receivable at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$nil). The Company also recognized \$433 and \$180 of reinsurance premiums ceded during the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and

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\$1,531 and \$180 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$294 was included in reinsurance balances payable at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$91) and \$813 was included in prepaid reinsurance premiums at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$nil).

f) Certain members of the Company's management and staff have provided guarantees to 1384 Capital Ltd, a company formed to facilitate the provision of Funds at Lloyd's (FAL) by such management and staff. The Company incurred \$227 and \$316 of finance expenses to such management and staff in respect of such provision of FAL for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$806 and \$668 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, of which \$751 was included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$889).

10. Earnings (loss) per share

In 2007 a reverse stock split of the outstanding shares of the Company was approved by a vote by the shareholders, whereby each 1.75 outstanding shares was consolidated into 1 share. This reverse stock split has been reflected retroactively in the calculation of earnings per share.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Basic earnings (loss) per share | | | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (126,300) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 |
| Less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants | (1,739) | | (5,217) | |
| Net (loss) income available to common shareholders | \$ (128,039) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 10,879 | \$ 264,027 |
| Weighted average shares - basic ordinary shares outstanding | 74,864,724 | 69,107,336 | 74,435,840 | 62,024,179 |
| Basic (loss) earnings per share | \$ (1.71) | \$ 1.98 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 4.26 |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | | | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (126,300) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 |
| Less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants | (1,739) | | (5,217) | |
| Net (loss) income available to common shareholders | \$ (128,039) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 10,879 | \$ 264,027 |

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| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Weighted average shares | basic ordinary | | | | |
| shares outstanding | | 74,864,724 | 69,107,336 | 74,435,840 | 62,024,179 |
| Share equivalents: | | | | | |
| Warrants | | | 2,058,548 | 2,065,282 | 1,720,334 |
| Deferred share units | | | | 2,546 | |
| Unvested restricted share units | | | | 236 | |
| Unvested restricted share awards | | | 669,086 | 1,236,546 | 488,059 |
| Stock options | | | 33,865 | 182,268 | 11,288 |
| Weighted average shares | diluted | 74,864,724 | 71,868,835 | 77,922,718 | 64,243,860 |
| Diluted (loss) earnings per share | | \$ (1.71) | \$ 1.90 | \$ 0.14 | \$ 4.11 |

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Due to the net loss incurred in the three months ended September 30, 2008, share equivalents were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share, because of their anti-dilutive effect. Share equivalents that would result in the issuance of common shares of 86,799 were outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would be anti-dilutive. Share equivalents that would result in the issuance of common shares of 94,925 and 169,632 were outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would be anti-dilutive.

In the basic earnings per share calculation, dividends and distributions declared on warrants outstanding are deducted from net income. In calculating diluted earnings per share, we also consider the impact of increasing the number of dilutive shares by a portion of the warrants outstanding, calculated using the treasury stock method. Whichever adjustment is more dilutive is incorporated in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

11. Segment information

The Company conducts its operations worldwide through two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and Talbot Holdings Ltd. from which two operating segments, Validus Re and Talbot respectively, have been determined under FAS 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. The Company's operating segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed and have capital allocated separately because each business requires different strategies.

Validus Re

The Validus Re segment is focused on short-tail lines of reinsurance. The primary lines in which the segment conducts business is property, marine and specialty which includes aerospace, terrorism, life and accident & health and workers' compensation catastrophe.

Talbot

The Talbot segment writes a wide range of marine, property and specialty classes of business. The specialty lines include; political violence, political risk, marine & aviation war, accident & health, bloodstock/livestock, financial institutions, aviation treaty, and contingency.

Corporate and other reconciling items

The Company has a Corporate function, which includes the activities of the parent company, and which carries out functions for the group. Corporate also denotes the activities of certain key executives such as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The only revenue earned by Corporate is a minor amount of interest income that is incidental to the activities of the enterprise. For internal reporting purposes, Corporate is reflected separately as a business unit, however Corporate is not considered an operating segment under these circumstances and FAS 131. Other reconciling items include, but are not limited to, the elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses and unusual items that are not allocated to segments.

The following tables summarize the underwriting results of our operating segments and corporate segment:

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| Quarter ended September 30, 2008 | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 125,029 | \$ 157,307 | \$ (13,100) | \$ 269,236 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (36,286) | (11,953) | 13,100 | (35,139) |
| Net premiums written | 88,743 | 145,354 | | 234,097 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 92,653 | 12,576 | | 105,229 |
| Net premiums earned | 181,396 | 157,930 | | 339,326 |
| Losses and loss expense | 217,081 | 101,383 | | 318,464 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 26,520 | 34,026 | (121) | 60,425 |
| General and administrative expenses | 7,972 | 17,851 | 4,297 | 30,120 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,809 | 1,164 | 3,039 | 6,012 |
| Underwriting (loss) income | \$ (71,986) | \$ 3,506 | \$ (7,215) | \$ (75,695) |
| Net investment income | 25,984 | 11,737 | (1,342) | 36,379 |
| Net realized losses on investments | (12,528) | (1,139) | | (13,667) |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | (15,946) | 1,297 | | (14,649) |
| Foreign exchange losses | (22,919) | (22,014) | | (44,933) |
| Other income | 121 | 1,269 | (121) | 1,269 |
| Finance expenses | (213) | (7,201) | (7,103) | (14,517) |
| Net loss before taxes | (97,487) | (12,545) | (15,781) | (125,813) |
| Taxes | 31 | 456 | | 487 |
| Net loss | \$ (97,518) | \$ (13,001) | \$ (15,781) | \$ (126,300) |
| Loss and loss expense ratio (1) | 119.7% | 64.2% | | 93.9% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio(1) | 14.6% | 21.5% | | 17.8% |
| General and administrative expense ratio(1) | 5.4% | 12.0% | | 10.6% |
| Expense ratio | 20.0% | 33.5% | | 28.4% |

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|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Combined ratio(1) | 139.7% | 97.7% | | 122.3% |
| Total assets | \$ 2,741,721 | \$ 1,763,614 | \$ 4,261 | \$ 4,509,596 |

(1) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share expenses.

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(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| Quarter ended September 30, 2007 | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
|---|-------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 102,229 | \$ 143,042 | \$ | \$ 245,271 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (7,291) | (615) | | (7,906) |
| Net premiums written | 94,938 | 142,427 | | 237,365 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 57,055 | 1,106 | | 58,161 |
| Net premiums earned | 151,993 | 143,533 | | 295,526 |
| Losses and loss expense | 38,131 | 49,132 | | 87,263 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 18,161 | 32,784 | | 50,945 |
| General and administrative expenses | 9,527 | 25,258 | 7,008 | 41,793 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,281 | 731 | 4,120 | 6,132 |
| Underwriting income (loss) | \$ 84,893 | \$ 35,628 | \$ (11,128) | \$ 109,393 |
| Net investment income | 22,706 | 13,360 | 494 | 36,560 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | 1,122 | (112) | | 1,010 |
| Net unrealized gains on investments | 5,881 | 1,800 | | 7,681 |
| Foreign exchange gains | 4,372 | 1,446 | | 5,818 |
| Other income | | 1,330 | | 1,330 |
| Fair value of warrants | | | (2,893) | (2,893) |
| Aquiline termination fee | | | (3,000) | (3,000) |
| Finance expenses | (174) | (8,858) | (8,854) | (17,886) |
| Net income (loss) before taxes | 118,800 | 44,594 | (25,381) | 138,013 |
| Taxes | 8 | 1,480 | | 1,488 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 118,792 | \$ 43,114 | \$ (25,381) | \$ 136,525 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio (1) | 25.1% | 34.2% | | 29.5% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio(1) | 11.9% | 22.8% | | 17.3% |
| General and administrative expense ratio(1) | 7.1% | 18.1% | | 16.2% |
| Expense ratio | 19.0% | 40.9% | | 33.5% |

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|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Combined ratio(1) | 44.1% | 75.2% | | 63.0% |
| Total assets | \$ 2,442,649 | \$ 1,678,359 | \$ 5,594 | \$ 4,126,602 |

(1) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share expenses.

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(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

| Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 643,898 | \$ 556,335 | \$ (29,484) | \$ 1,170,749 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (61,237) | (89,685) | 29,484 | (121,438) |
| Net premiums written | 582,661 | 466,650 | | 1,049,311 |
| Change in unearned premiums | (93,498) | (15,325) | | (108,823) |
| Net premiums earned | 489,163 | 451,325 | | 940,488 |
| Losses and loss expense | 324,673 | 255,905 | | 580,578 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 72,232 | 101,458 | (145) | 173,545 |
| General and administrative expenses | 27,306 | 58,561 | 15,272 | 101,139 |
| Share compensation expense | 4,632 | 3,266 | 11,920 | 19,818 |
| Underwriting income (loss) | \$ 60,320 | \$ 32,135 | \$ (27,047) | \$ 65,408 |
| Net investment income | 76,736 | 34,445 | (2,324) | 108,857 |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,711) | 5,363 | | (8,348) |
| Net unrealized losses on investments | (58,617) | (13,991) | | (72,608) |
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | | | 8,752 | 8,752 |
| Foreign exchange losses | (15,647) | (20,196) | | (35,843) |
| Other income | 145 | 3,666 | (145) | 3,666 |
| Finance expenses | (655) | (25,821) | (22,320) | (48,796) |
| Net income (loss) before taxes | 48,571 | 15,601 | (43,084) | 21,088 |
| Taxes | 78 | 4,914 | | 4,992 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 48,493 | \$ 10,687 | \$ (43,084) | \$ 16,096 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio (1) | 66.4% | 56.7% | | 61.7% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio (1) | 14.8% | 22.5% | | 18.5% |
| General and administrative expense ratio (1) | 6.5% | 13.7% | | 12.9% |
| Expense ratio | 21.3% | 36.2% | | 31.4% |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Combined ratio (1) | 87.7% | 92.9% | | 93.1% |
| Total assets | \$ 2,741,721 | \$ 1,763,614 | \$ 4,261 | \$ 4,509,596 |

(1) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share expenses.

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| Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 654,599 | \$ 143,042 | \$ | \$ 797,641 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (65,029) | (615) | | (65,644) |
| Net premiums written | 589,570 | 142,427 | | 731,997 |
| Change in unearned premiums | (193,055) | 1,106 | | (191,949) |
| Net premiums earned | 396,515 | 143,533 | | 540,048 |
| Losses and loss expense | 127,294 | 49,132 | | 176,426 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 48,216 | 32,784 | | 81,000 |
| General and administrative expenses | 23,553 | 25,258 | 15,277 | 64,088 |
| Share compensation expense | 2,824 | 731 | 6,499 | 10,054 |
| Underwriting income (loss) | \$ 194,628 | \$ 35,628 | \$ (21,776) | \$ 208,480 |
| Net investment income | 60,942 | 13,360 | 497 | 74,799 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | 935 | (112) | | 823 |
| Net unrealized gains on investments | 1,336 | 1,800 | | 3,136 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | | (2,893) | (2,893) |
| Foreign exchange gains | 7,764 | 1,446 | | 9,210 |
| Other income | | 1,330 | | 1,330 |
| Aquiline termination fee | | | (3,000) | (3,000) |
| Finance expenses | (1,143) | (8,858) | (16,330) | (26,331) |
| Net income (loss) before taxes | 264,462 | 44,594 | (43,502) | 265,554 |
| Taxes | 47 | 1,480 | | 1,527 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 264,415 | \$ 43,114 | \$ (43,502) | \$ 264,027 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio (1) | 32.1% | 34.2% | | 32.7% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio (1) | 12.2% | 22.8% | | 15.0% |
| General and administrative expense ratio (1) | 6.6% | 18.1% | | 13.7% |
| Expense ratio | 18.8% | 40.9% | | 28.7% |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Combined ratio (1) | 50.9% | 75.2% | | 61.4% |
| Total assets | \$ 2,442,649 | \$ 1,678,359 | \$ 5,594 | \$ 4,126,602 |

(1) Ratios are based on net premiums earned. The general and administrative expense ratio includes share expenses.

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The Company's exposures are generally diversified across geographic zones. The following tables set forth the gross premiums written allocated to the territory of coverage exposure for the periods indicated:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Gross premiums written | | | | |
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Eliminations(3) | Total | % |
| United States | \$ 82,468 | \$ 11,435 | \$ | \$ 93,903 | 34.9% |
| Worldwide excluding United States | | | | | |
| (1) | 10,555 | 49,263 | (8,489) | 51,329 | 19.1% |
| Europe | 2,166 | 13,589 | | 15,755 | 5.9% |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 22 | 17,628 | | 17,650 | 6.6% |
| Japan | 251 | 426 | | 677 | 0.2% |
| Canada | | 2,261 | | 2,261 | 0.8% |
| Sub-total, non United States | 12,994 | 83,167 | (8,489) | 87,672 | 32.6% |
| Worldwide including United States | | | | | |
| (1) | 4,846 | 12,105 | (4,611) | 12,340 | 4.5% |
| Marine and Aerospace (2) | 24,721 | 50,600 | | 75,321 | 28.0% |
| Total | \$ 125,029 | \$ 157,307 | \$ (13,100) | \$ 269,236 | 100.0% |

| | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Gross premiums written | | | |
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Total (3) | % |
| United States | \$ 68,575 | \$ 14,681 | \$ 83,256 | 34.1% |
| Worldwide excluding United States(1) | | | | |
| (1) | 5,602 | 56,303 | 61,905 | 25.2% |
| Europe | 2,576 | 12,447 | 15,023 | 6.1% |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 444 | 6,443 | 6,887 | 2.8% |
| Japan | 258 | 306 | 564 | 0.2% |
| Canada | | 2,383 | 2,383 | 1.0% |
| Sub-total, non United States | 8,880 | 77,882 | 86,762 | 35.3% |
| Worldwide including United States (1) | 11,056 | 12,588 | 23,644 | 9.6% |
| Marine and Aerospace (2) | 13,718 | 37,891 | 51,609 | 21.0% |
| Total | \$ 102,229 | \$ 143,042 | \$ 245,271 | 100.0% |

Nine months ended September 30, 2008
Gross premiums written

| | Validus Re | Talbot | Eliminations(3) | Total | % |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| United States | \$ 342,661 | \$ 48,513 | \$ (1,979) | \$ 389,195 | 33.2% |
| Worldwide excluding United States | | | | | |
| (1) | 37,096 | 166,499 | (8,489) | 195,106 | 16.7% |
| Europe | 41,900 | 44,599 | | 86,499 | 7.4% |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 5,657 | 33,155 | | 38,812 | 3.3% |
| Japan | 9,699 | 3,323 | | 13,022 | 1.1% |
| Canada | | 7,976 | | 7,976 | 0.7% |
| Sub-total, non United States | 94,352 | 255,552 | (8,489) | 341,415 | 29.2% |
| Worldwide including United States | | | | | |
| (1) | 69,758 | 49,377 | (19,016) | 100,119 | 8.6% |
| Marine and Aerospace (2) | 137,127 | 202,893 | | 340,020 | 29.0% |
| Total | \$ 643,898 | \$ 556,335 | \$ (29,484) | \$ 1,170,749 | 100.0% |

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| | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Gross premiums written | | | |
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Total (3) | % |
| United States | \$ 329,644 | \$ 14,681 | \$ 344,325 | 43.2% |
| Worldwide excluding United States (1) | 35,072 | 56,303 | 91,375 | 11.5% |
| Europe | 46,940 | 12,447 | 59,387 | 7.4% |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 7,549 | 6,443 | 13,992 | 1.8% |
| Japan | 7,673 | 306 | 7,979 | 1.0% |
| Canada | | 2,383 | 2,383 | 0.3% |
| Sub-total, non United States | 97,234 | 77,882 | 175,116 | 22.0% |
| Worldwide including United States (1) | 80,335 | 12,588 | 92,923 | 11.6% |
| Marine and Aerospace (2) | 147,386 | 37,891 | 185,277 | 23.2% |
| Total | \$ 654,599 | \$ 143,042 | \$ 797,641 | 100.0% |

(1) Represents risks in two or more geographic zones.

(2) Not classified as geographic area as marine and aerospace risks can span multiple geographic areas and are not fixed locations in some instances.

(3) Intersegment premiums of \$29,484 have been eliminated for the nine months ended

September 30,
2 0 0 8
(September 30,
2007: \$nil).
Intersegment
premiums of
\$13,100 have
been eliminated
for the three
months ended
September 30,
2 0 0 8
(September 30,
2007: \$nil).

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The following is a discussion and analysis of the Company's consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and the Company's consolidated financial condition and liquidity and capital resources at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007. The results of operations and cash flows for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. The Company completed the acquisition of Talbot Holdings Ltd. (Talbot) on July 2, 2007. As a result, Talbot is only included in the Company's consolidated results from July 2, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Talbot is not included in consolidated results for the first six months of 2007. This discussion and analysis pertains to the results of the Company inclusive of Talbot from the date of acquisition. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, the discussions of critical accounting policies and the qualitative and quantitative disclosures about market risk contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The Company was formed on October 19, 2005 and has limited historical financial and operating information. Insurance and reinsurance companies face substantial risk in their initial stages of development. See Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. In addition, for a variety of reasons, including the Company's recent formation, the acquisition of Talbot and relatively few significant catastrophe events in 2006, 2007 and the first half of 2008, the Company's historical financial results may not accurately indicate future performance. The Risk Factors set forth in Item 1A of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 present a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein.

Executive Overview

The Company underwrites from two distinct global operating subsidiaries, Validus Re and Talbot. Validus Re, the Company's principal reinsurance operating subsidiary, operates as a Bermuda-based provider of short-tail reinsurance products on a global basis. Talbot, the Company's principal insurance operating subsidiary, operates through its two underwriting platforms: Talbot Underwriting Ltd, which manages syndicate 1183 at Lloyd's of London (Lloyd's), and Underwriting Risk Services Ltd, which is an underwriting agency writing primarily yachts, marinas and fine art business on behalf of the Talbot syndicate and others.

The Company's strategy is to concentrate primarily on short-tail risks, which is an area where management believes current prices and terms provide an attractive risk adjusted return and the management team has proven expertise. The Company's profitability in any given period is based upon premium and investment revenues less net losses and loss expenses, acquisition expenses and operating expenses. Financial results in the insurance and reinsurance industry are influenced by the frequency and/or severity of claims and losses, including as a result of catastrophic events, changes in interest rates, financial markets and general economic conditions, the supply of insurance and reinsurance capacity and changes in legal, regulatory and judicial environments.

Business Outlook and Trends

The Company was formed in October 2005 in response to the supply/demand imbalance resulting from the large industry losses in 2004 and 2005. In the aggregate, the Company observed substantial increases in premium rates in 2006 compared to 2005 levels. During the year ended December 31, 2007 and the first nine months of 2008, the Company experienced increased competition in most lines of business. Capital provided by new entrants or by the commitment of additional capital by existing insurers and reinsurers has increased the supply of insurance and reinsurance which has resulted in a softening of rates in most lines. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company observed cedents retaining more risk as their capital bases have increased.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2008, the insurance and reinsurance industry incurred material losses and capital declines due to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and the global financial crisis. In the wake of these events the

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Company expects increased demand for reinsurance as clients seek capital relief and volatility management. As the January renewal season approaches, a continued strong capital position will enable the Company to write premiums in those lines of business with increasingly attractive opportunities.

Financial Measures

The Company believes the following financial indicators are important in evaluating performance and measuring the overall growth in value generated for shareholders:

Annualized (loss) return on average equity represents the level of net (loss) income available to shareholders generated from the average shareholders' equity during the period. The Company's objective is to generate superior returns on capital that appropriately reward shareholders for the risks assumed and to grow revenue only when returns meet or exceed internal requirements. Details of annualized (loss) return on average equity are provided below.

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | | Year ended |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | September | September | September | September | December |
| | 30, | 30, | 30, | 30, | 31, |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Annualized (loss) return on average equity | (25.4)% | 35.1% | 1.1% | 25.3% | 29.9% |

Diluted book value per common share is considered by management to be an appropriate measure of our returns to common shareholders, as we believe growth in our book value on a diluted basis ultimately translates into growth of our stock price. Diluted book value per common share decreased \$1.54, or 6.1%, from \$25.12 at June 30, 2008 to \$23.58 at September 30, 2008. Diluted book value per common share decreased \$0.42, or 1.8%, from \$24.00 at December 31, 2007 to \$23.58 at September 30, 2008. The decrease was due primarily to third quarter catastrophe losses and net realized and unrealized losses, and dividends declared on our common shares and common share equivalents. This decrease was partially offset by earnings generated in the first six months of 2008.

Cash dividends per common share are an integral part of the value created for shareholders. The Company declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.20 per common share in the first three quarters of 2008. On November 7, 2008, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per each common share and \$0.20 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is then exercisable, payable on December 4, 2008 to holders of record on November 20, 2008.

Underwriting (loss) income measures the performance of the Company's core underwriting function, excluding revenues and expenses such as net investment income (loss), other income, finance expenses, net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, and foreign exchange gains (losses). The Company believes the reporting of underwriting (loss) income enhances the understanding of results by highlighting the underlying performance of the Company's core insurance and reinsurance operations. Underwriting loss for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and underwriting income for the three months ended September 30, 2007 were \$75.7 million and \$109.4 million, respectively. Underwriting income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were \$65.4 million and \$208.5 million, respectively. Underwriting income is a Non-GAAP financial measure as described in detail in the section below entitled "Underwriting Income".

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

There are certain accounting policies that the Company considers to be critical due to the judgment and uncertainty inherent in the application of those policies. In calculating financial statement estimates, the use of different assumptions could produce materially different estimates. The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect significant estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

Reserve for losses and loss expenses;

Premiums;

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Reinsurance premiums ceded and reinsurance recoverable; and

Investment valuation.

Critical accounting policies and estimates are discussed further in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition* in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Segment Reporting

Management has determined that the Company operates in two reportable segments. The two segments are its significant operating subsidiaries, Validus Re and Talbot.

Results of Operations

Validus Holdings, Ltd. and Validus Re were formed on October 19, 2005, and Validus Re commenced operations on December 16, 2005. Neither company had prior operating histories. The Company began writing reinsurance contracts on January 1, 2006. On July 2, 2007, the Company acquired Talbot and consolidates Talbot as of that date. The Company's fiscal year ends on December 31. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and relevant SEC guidance.

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The following table presents results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and the pro forma results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2007:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 Pro Forma (1) | |
|--|--|--|---|---|--------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | (1) |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 269,236 | \$ 245,271 | \$ 1,170,749 | \$ 797,641 | \$ 1,186,952 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (35,139) | (7,906) | (121,438) | (65,644) | (142,267) |
| Net premiums written | 234,097 | 237,365 | 1,049,311 | 731,997 | 1,044,685 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 105,229 | 58,161 | (108,823) | (191,949) | (219,802) |
| Net premiums earned | 339,326 | 295,526 | 940,488 | 540,048 | 824,883 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 318,464 | 87,263 | 580,578 | 176,426 | 319,640 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 60,425 | 50,945 | 173,545 | 81,000 | 142,466 |
| General and administrative expenses | 30,120 | 41,793 | 101,139 | 64,088 | 107,684 |
| Share compensation expense | 6,012 | 6,132 | 19,818 | 10,054 | 12,389 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 415,021 | 186,133 | 875,080 | 331,568 | 582,179 |
| Underwriting (loss) income (2) | (75,695) | 109,393 | 65,408 | 208,480 | 242,704 |
| Net investment income | 36,379 | 36,560 | 108,857 | 74,799 | 94,680 |
| Other income | 1,269 | 1,330 | 3,666 | 1,330 | 3,495 |
| Finance expenses | (14,517) | (17,886) | (48,796) | (26,331) | (52,222) |
| Operating (loss) income before taxes | (52,564) | 129,397 | 129,135 | 258,278 | 288,657 |
| Taxes | 487 | 1,488 | 4,992 | 1,527 | 2,724 |
| Operating (loss) income after tax | (53,051) | 127,909 | 124,143 | 256,751 | 285,933 |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,667) | 1,010 | (8,348) | 823 | (406) |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | (14,649) | 7,681 | (72,608) | 3,136 | 3,135 |

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|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | | | 8,752 | | |
| Foreign exchange (losses) gains | (44,933) | 5,818 | (35,843) | 9,210 | 10,393 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | (2,893) | | (2,893) | (2,893) |
| Aquiline termination fee | | (3,000) | | (3,000) | (3,000) |
| Net (loss) income after taxes | \$ (126,300) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 | \$ 293,162 |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (1,556) | (640) | (1,479) | (640) | |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | \$ (127,856) | \$ 135,885 | \$ 14,617 | \$ 263,387 | \$ 293,162 |
| Selected ratios | | | | | |
| Net premiums written/ Gross premiums written | 86.9% | 96.8% | 89.6% | 91.8% | 88.0% |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 93.9% | 29.5% | 61.7% | 32.7% | 38.7% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 17.8% | 17.3% | 18.5% | 15.0% | 17.3% |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 10.6% | 16.2% | 12.9% | 13.7% | 14.6% |
| Expense ratio | 28.4% | 33.5% | 31.4% | 28.7% | 31.9% |
| Combined ratio | 122.3% | 63.0% | 93.1% | 61.4% | 70.6% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. The pro forma results of operations including Talbot are presented for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures. In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income (loss) that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.

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| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | Three months ended September 30, 2007 (1) (Dollars in thousands) | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) (Dollars in thousands) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| <u>VALIDUS RE</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 125,029 | \$ 102,229 | \$ 643,898 | \$ 654,599 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (36,286) | (7,291) | (61,237) | (65,029) |
| Net premiums written | 88,743 | 94,938 | 582,661 | 589,570 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 92,653 | 57,055 | (93,498) | (193,055) |
| Net premiums earned | 181,396 | 151,993 | 489,163 | 396,515 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 217,081 | 38,131 | 324,673 | 127,294 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 26,520 | 18,161 | 72,232 | 48,216 |
| General and administrative expenses | 7,972 | 9,527 | 27,306 | 23,553 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,809 | 1,281 | 4,632 | 2,824 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 253,382 | 67,100 | 428,843 | 201,887 |
| Underwriting (loss) income (2) | (71,986) | 84,893 | 60,320 | 194,628 |
| <u>TALBOT</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 157,307 | \$ 143,042 | \$ 556,335 | \$ 143,042 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (11,953) | (615) | (89,685) | (615) |
| Net premiums written | 145,354 | 142,427 | 466,650 | 142,427 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 12,576 | 1,106 | (15,325) | 1,106 |
| Net premiums earned | 157,930 | 143,533 | 451,325 | 143,533 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 101,383 | 49,132 | 255,905 | 49,132 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 34,026 | 32,784 | 101,458 | 32,784 |
| General and administrative expenses | 17,851 | 25,258 | 58,561 | 25,258 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,164 | 731 | 3,266 | 731 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 154,424 | 107,905 | 419,190 | 107,905 |
| Underwriting income (2) | 3,506 | 35,628 | 32,135 | 35,628 |
| <u>CORPORATE & ELIMINATIONS</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ (13,100) | \$ | \$ (29,484) | \$ |

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|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | 13,100 | | 29,484 | |
| Net premiums written | | | | |
| Policy acquisition costs | (121) | | (145) | |
| General and administrative expenses | 4,297 | 7,008 | 15,272 | 15,277 |
| Share compensation | 3,039 | 4,120 | 11,920 | 6,499 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 7,215 | 11,128 | 27,047 | 21,776 |
| Underwriting (loss) income (2) | (7,215) | (11,128) | (27,047) | (21,776) |
| Total underwriting (loss) income (2) | \$ (75,695) | \$ 109,393 | \$ 65,408 | \$ 208,480 |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

(2) Non-GAAP Financial Measures. In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income (loss) that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP

measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.

Table of Contents**Three months ended September 30, 2008 compared to three months ended September 30, 2007**

Net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$126.3 million compared to net income of \$136.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$262.8 million or 192.5%. The primary factors driving the decrease in net (loss) income were:

Decrease in underwriting (loss) income of \$185.1 million due primarily to increased losses and loss expense of \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. These losses were offset by increased earned reinstatement premiums of \$19.7 million as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav.

Decrease in net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on investments of \$14.7 million and \$22.3 million, respectively. These changes were principally the result of market value declines due to interest rate movements and widening credit spreads resulting from extreme volatility in the financial markets; and

Decrease in foreign exchange (losses) gains of \$50.8 million due to a decline in the value of assets denominated in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar reporting currency.

The change in net (loss) income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 of \$262.8 million is described in the following table:

**Three months ended September 30, 2008
Increase (decrease) over the three months ended September
30, 2007**

| | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav net losses and loss expenses | \$ (172,635) | \$ (32,878) | \$ | \$ (205,513) |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav net reinstatement premiums | 19,268 | 392 | | 19,660 |
| Other underwriting (loss) income items | (3,512) | 364 | 3,913 | 765 |
| Underwriting (loss) income | (156,879) | (32,122) | 3,913 | (185,088) |
| Net investment income (loss) | 3,278 | (1,623) | (1,836) | (181) |
| Other income (loss) | 121 | (61) | (121) | (61) |
| Finance expenses | (39) | 1,657 | 1,751 | 3,369 |
| | (153,519) | (32,149) | 3,707 | (181,961) |
| Taxes | (23) | 1,024 | | 1,001 |
| | (153,542) | (31,125) | 3,707 | (180,960) |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,650) | (1,027) | | (14,677) |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | (21,827) | (503) | | (22,330) |
| Foreign exchange (losses) gains | (27,291) | (23,460) | | (50,751) |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | | 2,893 | 2,893 |
| Aquiline termination fee | | | 3,000 | 3,000 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Net (loss) income | \$ (216,310) | \$ (56,115) | \$ 9,600 | \$ (262,825) |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|

Gross Premiums Written

Gross premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$269.2 million compared to \$245.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$24.0 million or 9.8%. The increase in gross premiums written was driven primarily by the property and marine lines which increased by \$8.7 million and \$19.9 million, respectively.

Details of gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

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| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 123,831 | 46.0% | \$ 115,173 | 47.0% | 7.5% |
| Marine | 83,273 | 30.9% | 63,361 | 25.8% | 31.4% |
| Specialty | 62,132 | 23.1% | 66,737 | 27.2% | (6.9)% |
| Total | \$ 269,236 | 100.0% | \$ 245,271 | 100.0% | 9.8% |

Validus Re. Validus Re gross premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$125.0 million compared to \$102.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$22.8 million or 22.3%. Details of Validus Re gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premium written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 97,545 | 78.0% | \$ 86,623 | 84.7% | 12.6% |
| Marine | 19,154 | 15.3% | 8,345 | 8.2% | 129.5% |
| Specialty | 8,330 | 6.7% | 7,261 | 7.1% | 14.7% |
| Total | \$ 125,029 | 100.0% | \$ 102,229 | 100.0% | 22.3% |

The increase in Validus Re gross premiums written was driven by increases in the property and marine lines of \$10.9 million and \$10.8 million, respectively. The increase in the property line was due primarily to \$15.2 million of reinstatement premiums after losses resulting from Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. The increase in the marine line was due primarily to \$4.1 million of reinstatement premiums.

Talbot. Talbot gross premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$157.3 million compared to \$143.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$14.3 million or 10.0%. Details of gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| | Gross premiums written | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written | Gross premiums written (%) | |

| | (Dollars in thousands) | | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Property | \$ 35,194 | 22.4% | \$ 28,550 | 20.0% | 23.3% |
| Marine | 66,676 | 42.4% | 55,016 | 38.4% | 21.2% |
| Specialty | 55,437 | 35.2% | 59,476 | 41.6% | (6.8)% |
| Total | \$ 157,307 | 100.0% | \$ 143,042 | 100.0% | 10.0% |

The increase is due principally to property treaty business written through the Latin American office based in Miami, new lines of business such as accident and health and bloodstock and livestock and certain marine lines. This increase was offset by reductions in the war and financial institutions lines due to timing of inceptions and reduced premium rates.

Table of Contents**Reinsurance Premiums Ceded**

Reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$35.1 million compared to \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$27.2 million or 344.5%. Validus Re increased its property ceded reinsurance premiums by \$25.0 million, as discussed below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | % Change |
| Property | \$ 27,823 | 79.1% | \$ 7,266 | 91.9% | 282.9% |
| Marine | 4,977 | 14.2% | (30) | (0.4)% | NM |
| Specialty | 2,339 | 6.7% | 670 | 8.5% | 249.1% |
| Total | \$ 35,139 | 100.0% | \$ 7,906 | 100.0% | 344.5% |

NM Not Meaningful

Validus Re. Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$36.3 million compared to \$7.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$29.0 million or 397.7%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | % Change |
| Property | \$ 32,265 | 88.9% | \$ 7,282 | 99.9% | 343.1% |
| Marine | 3,871 | 10.7% | 9 | 0.1% | NM |
| Specialty | 150 | 0.4% | | 0.0% | NM |
| Total | \$ 36,286 | 100.0% | \$ 7,291 | 100.0% | 397.7% |

NM Not Meaningful

Effective July 1, 2008, Validus Re purchased retrocessional coverage providing \$87.5 million of limit via an ultimate net loss agreement which resulted in the recognition of \$29.5 million of reinsurance premiums ceded in the three months ended September 30, 2008. The purchased retrocessional coverage includes ultimate net loss coverage that attaches at \$150.0 million of onshore property losses.

Talbot. Talbot reinsurance premiums ceded for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$12.0 million compared to \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$11.4 million.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|----------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | |
| Property | \$ 4,466 | 37.4% | \$ (16) | (2.6)% | NM |
| Marine | 3,663 | 30.6% | (39) | (6.3)% | NM |
| Specialty | 3,824 | 32.0% | 670 | 108.9% | 470.7% |
| Total | \$ 11,953 | 100.0% | \$ 615 | 100.0% | 1843.6% |

NM Not Meaningful

The increase in reinsurance premiums ceded on the property and marine accounts was primarily a result of the quota share and surplus treaty contracts with Validus Re. Specialty reinsurance ceded was higher than during the three months ended September 30, 2007 due to an additional excess of loss cover and quota share contract purchased

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in the three months ended September 30, 2008 on the aviation treaty account. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, there was a reduction of \$1.2 million on previously estimated reinsurance spend.

Net Premiums Written

Net premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$234.1 million compared to \$237.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$3.3 million or 1.4%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 96,008 | 41.1% | \$ 107,907 | 45.5% | (11.0)% |
| Marine | 78,296 | 33.4% | 63,391 | 26.7% | 23.5% |
| Specialty | 59,793 | 25.5% | 66,067 | 27.8% | (9.5)% |
| Total | \$ 234,097 | 100.0% | \$ 237,365 | 100.0% | (1.4)% |

Premium rates in most lines have declined during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. As a result of the Company's decision to grow revenue only when returns meet or exceed internal requirements, net premiums written have remained consistent with the three month period ended September 30, 2007.

Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$88.7 million compared to \$94.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$6.2 million or 6.5%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 65,280 | 73.6% | \$ 79,341 | 83.6% | (17.7)% |
| Marine | 15,283 | 17.2% | 8,336 | 8.8% | 83.3% |
| Specialty | 8,180 | 9.2% | 7,261 | 7.6% | 12.7% |
| Total | \$ 88,743 | 100.0% | \$ 94,938 | 100.0% | (6.5)% |

The decrease in Validus Re net premiums written was driven primarily by the property line which accounted for \$14.1 million of the decrease. The decrease in property line net premiums written was a result of increased reinsurance premium ceded partially offset by increased reinstatement premiums written, as discussed above.

The ratio of net premiums written to gross premiums written were 71.0% and 92.9% for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This decrease was attributable to the timing of retrocessional

coverage placed on July 1, 2008, as discussed above.

Talbot. Talbot net premiums written for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$145.4 million compared to \$142.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$3.0 million or 2.1%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | % Change |
| Property | \$ 30,728 | 21.1% | \$ 28,566 | 20.1% | 7.6% |
| Marine | 63,013 | 43.4% | 55,055 | 38.6% | 14.5% |
| Specialty | 51,613 | 35.5% | 58,806 | 41.3% | (12.2)% |
| Total | \$ 145,354 | 100.0% | \$ 142,427 | 100.0% | 2.1% |

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The increase in net premiums written was driven by the factors highlighted above in respect of gross premiums written and reinsurance premiums ceded. The ratios of net premiums written to gross premiums written for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 92.4% and 99.6%, respectively. This decrease was due primarily to the increased reinsurance ceded to the Validus Re segment.

Change in Unearned Premiums

Change in unearned premiums for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$105.2 million compared to \$58.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$47.1 million or 80.9%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Change in gross unearned premium | \$ 96,183 | \$ 90,787 | 5.9% |
| Change in prepaid reinsurance premium | 9,046 | (32,626) | (127.7)% |
| Net change in unearned premium | \$ 105,229 | \$ 58,161 | 80.9% |

Validus Re. Validus Re's change in unearned premiums for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$92.7 million compared to \$57.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$35.6 million or 62.4%. The increase was due partially to \$19.3 million of earned reinstatement premiums as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav losses and the relative maturation of the Company's risks-attaching business.

Talbot. The Talbot change in unearned premiums for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$12.6 million compared to \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$11.5 million.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Change in gross unearned premium | \$ 20,720 | \$ 23,102 | (10.3)% |
| Change in prepaid reinsurance premium | (8,144) | (21,996) | (63.0)% |
| Net change in unearned premium | \$ 12,576 | \$ 1,106 | 1,037.3% |

The difference in gross unearned premiums arises from a change in business mix and premium volume. In respect of prepaid reinsurance premiums, the difference arises from the non-renewal of several low level reinsurance covers in the 2008 excess of loss reinsurance program.

Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$339.3 million compared to \$295.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$43.8 million or 14.8%. The increase in net premiums earned was driven by increased premiums earned at Validus Re and Talbot of \$29.4 million and \$14.4 million, respectively.

Three months ended**Three months ended**

| | September 30, 2008 | | September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 165,028 | 48.6% | \$ 149,294 | 50.5% | 10.5% |
| Marine | 101,110 | 29.8% | 75,338 | 25.5% | 34.2% |
| Specialty | 73,188 | 21.6% | 70,894 | 24.0% | 3.2% |
| Total | \$ 339,326 | 100.0% | \$ 295,526 | 100.0% | 14.8% |

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Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums earned for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$181.4 million compared to \$152.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$29.4 million or 19.3%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 132,307 | 73.0% | \$ 116,985 | 77.0% | 13.1% |
| Marine | 29,980 | 16.5% | 20,375 | 13.4% | 47.1% |
| Specialty | 19,109 | 10.5% | 14,633 | 9.6% | 30.6% |
| Total | \$ 181,396 | 100.0% | \$ 151,993 | 100.0% | 19.3% |

The increase in net premiums earned reflects the benefit of earning premiums on business written in 2007 and 2006. Contracts written on a risks-attaching basis are generally earned over 24 months and therefore have less immediate effect on premiums earned than contracts written on a losses-occurring basis which are generally earned on a 12 month basis. Reinstatement premiums of \$19.3 million related to Hurricane Ike and Gustav were fully earned in the quarter.

Talbot. Talbot net premiums earned for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$157.9 million compared to \$143.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$14.4 million or 10.0%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | Net Premiums Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Net Premiums Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 32,721 | 20.7% | \$ 32,309 | 22.5% | 1.3% |
| Marine | 71,130 | 45.1% | 54,963 | 38.3% | 29.4% |
| Specialty | 54,079 | 34.2% | 56,261 | 39.2% | (3.9)% |
| Total | \$ 157,930 | 100.0% | \$ 143,533 | 100.0% | 10.0% |

The increase in marine net premiums earned was due mainly to additional gross premium written booked in the year on the 2007 cargo and yachts accounts. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, reductions were made to prior period gross premium written estimates, resulting in reduced earned premiums.

Losses and Loss Expenses

Losses and loss expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$318.5 million compared to \$87.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$231.2 million or 264.9%. The loss ratios, defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 93.9% and 29.5%, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million of loss expense attributable to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 54.0 and 6.5 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. Details of loss ratios by line of business are

provided below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| Property | 122.4% | 28.0% | 94.4 |
| Marine | 99.6% | 42.3% | 57.3 |
| Specialty | 21.4% | 19.2% | 2.2 |
| All lines | 93.9% | 29.5% | 64.4 |

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses by segment for the three months ended September 30, 2008:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
|--|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Eliminations | Total |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Gross reserves at period beginning | \$ 267,639 | \$ 766,787 | \$ (4,687) | \$ 1,029,739 |
| Losses recoverable at period beginning | (4,517) | (133,050) | 4,687 | (132,880) |
| Net reserves at period beginning | 263,122 | 633,737 | | 896,859 |
| Incurred losses current year | 220,594 | 124,016 | | 344,610 |
| Incurred losses change in prior accident years | (3,513) | (22,633) | | (26,146) |
| Incurred losses | 217,081 | 101,383 | | 318,464 |
| Paid losses | (40,241) | (54,956) | | (95,197) |
| Foreign exchange | | (20,745) | | (20,745) |
| Net reserves at period end | 439,962 | 659,419 | | 1,099,381 |
| Losses recoverable at period end | 53,591 | 135,670 | (15,798) | 173,463 |
| Gross reserves at period end | \$ 493,553 | \$ 795,089 | \$ (15,798) | \$ 1,272,844 |

The amount recorded represents management's best estimate of expected losses and loss expenses on premiums earned. The increase in losses and loss expenses was due principally to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. Favorable loss development on prior years totaled \$26.1 million. The \$22.6 million favorable loss reserve development in the Talbot segment relates primarily to the 2006 and prior underwriting years as described below. Favorable loss reserve development benefitted the Company's loss ratio by 7.7 percentage points for the three months ended September 30, 2008.

Management of insurance and reinsurance companies use significant judgment in the estimation of reserves for losses and loss expenses. Given the magnitude of recent loss events and other uncertainties inherent in loss estimation, meaningful uncertainty remains regarding the estimation of recent losses. The Company's actual ultimate net losses from recent loss events may vary materially from estimates.

At September 30, 2008 and 2007, gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses were estimated using the methodology as outlined in the critical accounting policies and estimates as discussed in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition* in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Company did not make any significant changes in the assumptions or methodology used in its reserving process during the three months ended September 30, 2008.

| | At September 30, 2008 | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | Gross case reserves | Gross IBNR | Total gross reserve for losses and loss expenses |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Property | \$ 233,297 | \$ 236,476 | \$ 469,733 |

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|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Marine | 261,644 | 309,672 | 571,316 |
| Specialty | 78,100 | 153,655 | 231,755 |
| Total | \$ 573,041 | \$ 699,803 | \$ 1,272,844 |

At September 30, 2008

| | Net case reserves | Net IBNR (Dollars in thousands) | Total net reserve for losses and loss expenses |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Property | \$ 240,086 | \$ 224,804 | \$ 464,890 |
| Marine | 186,590 | 242,248 | 428,838 |
| Specialty | 68,340 | 137,313 | 205,653 |
| Total | \$ 495,016 | \$ 604,365 | \$ 1,099,381 |

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During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav of \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, as detailed in the chart below.

| | Net Losses and Loss Expenses (1) | Net Reinstatement Premiums (Dollars in thousands) | Net Effect on Net (Loss) Income (2) |
|--|---|--|--|
| Hurricane Ike | | | |
| <i>Validus Re</i> Hurricane Ike Property | \$ 120,286 | \$ (13,867) | \$ 106,419 |
| Marine | 36,778 | (4,098) | 32,680 |
| Specialty | 125 | | 125 |
| All lines | 157,189 | (17,965) | 139,224 |
| <i>Talbot</i> Hurricane Ike | | | |
| Property | 15,161 | (386) | 14,775 |
| Marine | 10,478 | (6) | 10,472 |
| Specialty | 544 | | 544 |
| All lines | 26,183 | (392) | 25,791 |
| <i>Total</i> Hurricane Ike | | | |
| Property | 135,447 | (14,253) | 121,194 |
| Marine | 47,256 | (4,104) | 43,152 |
| Specialty | 669 | | 669 |
| All lines | \$ 183,372 | \$ (18,357) | \$ 165,015 |
| Hurricane Gustav | | | |
| <i>Validus Re</i> Hurricane Gustav | | | |
| Property | \$ 13,946 | \$ (1,303) | \$ 12,643 |
| Marine | 1,500 | | 1,500 |
| Specialty | | | |
| All lines | 15,446 | (1,303) | 14,143 |
| <i>Talbot</i> Hurricane Gustav | | | |
| Property | 3,695 | | 3,695 |
| Marine | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| Specialty | 500 | | 500 |
| All lines | 6,695 | | 6,695 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <i>Total Hurricane Gustav</i> | | | | |
| Property | 17,641 | (1,303) | | 16,338 |
| Marine | 4,000 | | | 4,000 |
| Specialty | 500 | | | 500 |
| All lines | \$ 22,141 | \$ (1,303) | \$ | 20,838 |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav | | | | |
| Property | \$ 153,088 | \$ (15,556) | \$ | 137,532 |
| Marine | 51,256 | (4,104) | | 47,152 |
| Specialty | 1,169 | | | 1,169 |
| All lines | \$ 205,513 | \$ (19,660) | \$ | 185,853 |

(1) Net of reinsurance

(2) Net effect on net (loss) income includes the sum of estimates of net claims and claim expenses incurred, and earned reinstatement premiums assumed and ceded.

Validus Re. Validus Re losses and loss expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$217.1 million compared to \$38.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$179.0 million or 469.3%. The loss ratio, defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, was 119.7% and 25.1%

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for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, Validus Re incurred \$157.2 million and \$15.4 million of loss expense attributable to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 86.7 and 8.5 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, Validus Re incurred \$10.0 million of loss expense attributable to July 2007 flooding in parts of England, which represented 6.6 percentage points of the loss ratio. Details of loss ratios by line of business and period of incurrence are provided below.

| | | Three months ended September 30, | | Percentage point change |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| | | 2008 | 2007 | |
| Property | current year | 123.2% | 25.4% | 97.8 |
| Property | change in prior accident years | (4.8)% | (2.4)% | (2.4) |
| Property | loss ratio | 118.4% | 23.0% | 95.4 |
| Marine | current year | 174.6% | 37.7% | 136.9 |
| Marine | change in prior accident years | 14.7% | (1.7)% | 16.4 |
| Marine | loss ratio | 189.3% | 36.0% | 153.2 |
| Specialty | current year | 27.8% | 29.1% | (1.3) |
| Specialty | change in prior accident years | (8.6)% | (2.7)% | (5.9) |
| Specialty | loss ratio | 19.2% | 26.4% | (7.2) |
| All lines | current year | 121.6% | 27.4% | 94.2 |
| All lines | change in prior accident years | (1.9)% | (2.3)% | 0.4 |
| All lines | loss ratio | 119.7% | 25.1% | 94.6 |

Validus Re paid losses of \$40.2 million and \$12.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent 90.9 and 10.5 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Validus Re experienced favorable development of \$3.5 million during both three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, Validus Re incurred \$10.0 million of loss expense attributable to flooding in parts of England, which represented 8.5 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio.

Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent 122.7 and 5.0 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The marine lines experienced adverse development in prior accident years loss ratio of \$4.4 million, or 14.7 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, for the three months ended September 30, 2008.

The specialty lines include \$5.3 million related to current year losses. These were partially offset by \$1.6 million of favorable development relating to prior accident years.

Talbot. Talbot losses and loss expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$101.4 million compared to \$49.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$52.3 million, or 106.4%. The loss ratio was 64.2% and 34.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. During

the three months ended September 30, 2008, Talbot incurred \$26.2 million and \$6.7 million of loss expense attributable to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 16.6 and 4.2 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. Details of loss ratios by line of business and period of incurrence are provided below.

| | | Three months ended September 30, | | Percentage point change |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|--|
| | | 2008 | 2007 | |
| Property | current year | 139.0% | 64.5% | 74.5 |
| Property | change in prior accident years | (0.2)% | (18.5)% | 18.3 |
| Property | loss ratio | 138.8% | 46.0% | 92.8 |
| Marine | current year | 79.0% | 57.0% | 22.0 |

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| | | Three months ended September 30, | | Percentage point change |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| | | 2008 | 2007 | |
| Marine | change in prior accident years | (17.2)% | (12.3)% | (4.9) |
| Marine | loss ratio | 61.8% | 44.7% | 17.1 |
| Specialty | current year | 41.3% | 31.8% | 9.5 |
| Specialty | change in prior accident years | (19.1)% | (14.5)% | (4.6) |
| Specialty | loss ratio | 22.2% | 17.3% | 4.9 |
| All lines | current year | 78.5% | 48.8% | 29.7 |
| All lines | change in prior accident years | (14.3)% | (14.6)% | 0.3 |
| All lines | loss ratio | 64.2% | 34.2% | 30.0 |

Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent 46.3 and 11.3 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The property lines include \$45.5 million related to current year losses. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, Talbot incurred \$11.1 million of loss expense attributable to flooding in parts of England, which represented 34.4 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio.

Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent 14.7 and 3.5 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The marine lines include \$56.3 million related to current year marine losses. These were partially offset by \$12.3 million of favorable development relating to prior accident years. The current year loss ratio has increased due mainly to energy and marine treaty losses following Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. There has been favorable development on the hull line due to lower than anticipated attritional losses. There has also been favorable developments on the energy account in respect of Hurricane Katrina and due to a removal of a reserved loss on a political risk claim.

The specialty lines include \$22.3 million relating to current year losses offset by \$10.3 million due to favorable development on prior accident year reserves. The favorable development was due principally to a reduction in the war line ratios due to continued low claims activity and reduced provisions for late reported claims in the more developed underwriting years of the financial institutions line.

Policy Acquisition Costs

Policy acquisition costs for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$60.4 million compared to \$50.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$9.5 million or 18.6%. The increase in policy acquisition costs was due primarily to an increase for Validus Re of \$8.4 million.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|-----------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 24,189 | 40.0% | \$ 21,503 | 42.2% | 12.5% |
| Marine | 20,796 | 34.4% | 13,349 | 26.2% | 55.8% |
| Specialty | 15,440 | 25.6% | 16,093 | 31.6% | (4.1)% |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Total | \$ 60,425 | 100.0% | \$ 50,945 | 100.0% | 18.6% |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|

Validus Re. Validus Re policy acquisition costs for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$26.5 million compared to \$18.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$8.4 million or 46.0%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 19,027 | 71.8% | \$ 14,799 | 81.5% | 28.6% |
| Marine | 4,990 | 18.8% | 1,306 | 7.2% | 282.1% |
| Specialty | 2,503 | 9.4% | 2,056 | 11.3% | 21.7% |
| Total | \$ 26,520 | 100.0% | \$ 18,161 | 100.0% | 46.0% |

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Policy acquisition costs include brokerage, commission and excise tax and are generally driven by contract terms and are normally a set percentage of premiums and are also net of ceding commission income on retrocessions. Policy acquisition costs as a percent of net premiums earned for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 14.6% and 11.9%, respectively. The policy acquisition ratio increased largely due to 1.7 and 10.2 percentage point increases on the policy acquisition ratios for the property and marine lines, respectively. The increase in the marine policy acquisition ratio was due to ceding commissions earned during the three months ended September 30, 2007 which were absent during the three months ended September 30, 2008 due to hurricane losses.

Talbot. Talbot policy acquisition costs for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$34.0 million compared to \$32.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$1.2 million or 3.8%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 5,283 | 15.5% | \$ 6,704 | 20.5% | (21.2)% |
| Marine | 15,806 | 46.5% | 12,043 | 36.7% | 31.3% |
| Specialty | 12,937 | 38.0% | 14,037 | 42.8% | (7.8)% |
| Total | 34,026 | 100.0% | \$ 32,784 | 100.0% | 3.8% |

Policy acquisition cost ratios were 21.5% and 22.8%, respectively, for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. Policy acquisition costs as a percent of gross premiums earned were 19.1% and 19.7%, respectively, for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$30.1 million compared to \$41.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$11.7 million or 27.9%. The decrease was primarily a result of reduced Talbot expenses.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|----------------|
| | General and Administrative Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | General and Administrative Expenses (%) | General and Administrative Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | General and Administrative Expenses (%) | |
| Validus Re | \$ 7,972 | 26.4% | \$ 9,527 | 22.8% | (16.3)% |
| Talbot | 17,851 | 59.3% | 25,258 | 60.4% | (29.3)% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | 4,297 | 14.3% | 7,008 | 16.8% | (38.7)% |
| Total | \$ 30,120 | 100.0% | \$ 41,793 | 100.0% | (27.9)% |

General and administrative expense ratios for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 10.6% and 16.2%, respectively. General and administrative expense ratio is the sum of general and administrative expenses and share compensation expense divided by net premiums earned.

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| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | Expenses as % of Net Earned Premiums | Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | Expenses as % of Net Earned Premiums |
| General and Administrative | \$ 30,120 | 8.8% | \$ 41,793 | 14.1% |
| Share Compensation | 6,012 | 1.8% | 6,132 | 2.1% |
| Total | \$ 36,132 | 10.6% | \$ 47,925 | 16.2% |

General and administrative expenses of \$30.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 represents 8.8 percentage points of the expense ratio. Share compensation expense is discussed in the following section.

Validus Re. Validus Re general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$8.0 million compared to \$9.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$1.6 million or 16.3%. General and administrative expenses have decreased primarily as a result of reduced profit-related bonus expenses and salary costs despite the increase in staff to 86 at September 30, 2008 from 62 at September 30, 2007. General and administrative expenses are generally comprised of salaries and benefits, professional fees, rent and office expenses. Validus Re's general and administrative expenses as a percent of net premiums earned for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 4.4% and 6.3%, respectively.

Talbot. Talbot general and administrative expenses were \$17.9 million and \$25.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. General and administrative expenses have decreased primarily as a result of reduced salary costs of \$4.7 million, as the three months ended September 30, 2007 included charges for one-off bonuses related to the acquisition of Talbot by the Company. The three months ended September 30, 2007 also included a reversal of deferred expenses of \$5.2 million. Talbot's general and administrative expenses as a percent of net premiums earned for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 11.3% and 17.6%, respectively.

Corporate & Eliminations. Corporate general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$4.3 million compared to \$7.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$2.7 million or 38.7%. Corporate general and administrative expenses have decreased primarily as a result of reduced profit related bonus expenses. Corporate general and administrative expenses are comprised of executive and board expenses, internal and external audit expenses and other cost relating to the Company as a whole.

Share Compensation Expense

Share compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$6.0 million compared to \$6.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$0.1 million or 2.0%. This expense is non-cash and has no net effect on total shareholders' equity, as it is balanced by an increase in additional paid-in capital.

| Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | % |
|--|---|--|---|---------------|
| Share Compensation Expense | Share Compensation Expense (%) | Share Compensation Expense | Share Compensation Expense (%) | |
| | | | | Change |

| | (Dollars in thousands) | | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Validus Re | \$ 1,809 | 30.1% | \$ 1,281 | 20.9% | 41.2% |
| Talbot | 1,164 | 19.4% | 731 | 11.9% | 59.2% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | 3,039 | 50.5% | 4,120 | 67.2% | (26.2)% |
| Total | \$ 6,012 | 100.0% | \$ 6,132 | 100.0% | (2.0)% |

Share compensation expense of \$6.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 represents 1.8 percentage points of the general and administrative expense ratio.

Validus Re. Validus Re share compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$1.8 million compared to \$1.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. This increase of \$0.5 million or 41.2% was due principally to an increase in staff to 86 at September 30, 2008 from 62 at September 30, 2007. Share compensation expense as a percent of net premiums earned for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 1.0% and 0.8%, respectively.

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Talbot. Talbot share compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$1.2 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Share compensation expense as a percent of net premiums earned for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 was 0.7% and 0.5%, respectively.

Corporate & Eliminations. Corporate share compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$3.0 million compared to \$4.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$1.1 million or 26.2%. The decrease was primarily a result of \$1.2 million in respect of the Employee Seller shares issued to Talbot employees as part of the acquisition of Talbot by the Company.

Selected Ratios

The underwriting results of an insurance or reinsurance company are often measured by reference to its combined ratio, which is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio. The net loss ratio is calculated by dividing losses and loss expenses incurred (including estimates for incurred but not reported losses) by net premiums earned. The expense ratio is calculated by dividing acquisition costs combined with general and administrative expenses by net premiums earned. The following table presents the losses and loss expenses ratio, policy acquisition cost ratio, general and administrative expense ratio, expense ratio and combined ratio for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|---|--|--|--|
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 93.9% | 29.5% | 64.4 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 17.8% | 17.3% | 0.5 |
| General and administrative expense ratio(1) | 10.6% | 16.2% | (5.6) |
| Expense ratio | 28.4% | 33.5% | (5.1) |
| Combined ratio | 122.3% | 63.0% | 59.3 |

(1) Includes general and administrative expense, and share compensation expense

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|--|--|--|--|
| <i>Validus Re</i> | | | |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 119.7% | 25.1% | 94.6 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 14.6% | 11.9% | 2.7 |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 5.4% | 7.1% | (1.7) |
| Expense ratio | 20.0% | 19.1% | 0.9 |
| Combined ratio | 139.7% | 44.1% | 95.5 |

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|--|--|--|--|
| <i>Talbot</i> | | | |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 64.2% | 34.2% | 30.0 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 21.5% | 22.8% | (1.3) |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 12.0% | 18.1% | (6.1) |
| Expense ratio | 33.5% | 40.9% | (7.4) |
| Combined ratio | 97.7% | 75.2% | 22.6 |

Underwriting (Loss) Income

Underwriting loss for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$75.7 million compared to income of \$109.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a change of \$185.1 million or 169.2%.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | % of Sub total | Three months ended September 30, 2007 (Dollars in thousands) | % of Sub total | % Change |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Validus Re | \$ (71,986) | (105.1)% | \$ 84,893 | 70.4% | (184.8)% |
| Talbot | 3,506 | 5.1% | 35,628 | 29.6% | (90.2)% |
| Sub total | (68,480) | 100.0% | 120,521 | 100.0% | (156.8)% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | (7,215) | | (11,128) | | (35.2)% |
| Total | \$ (75,695) | | \$ 109,393 | | (169.2)% |

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The underwriting results of an insurance or reinsurance company are also often measured by reference to its underwriting income, which is a non-GAAP measure as previously defined. Underwriting income, as set out in the table below, is reconciled to net income (the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure) by the addition or subtraction of net investment income (loss), other income, finance expenses, realized gain on repurchase of debentures, net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, foreign exchange gains (losses), fair value of warrants issued and Aquiline termination fee.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 |
|--|--|--|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Underwriting (loss) income | \$ (75,695) | \$ 109,393 |
| Net investment income | 36,379 | 36,560 |
| Other income | 1,269 | 1,330 |
| Finance expenses | (14,517) | (17,886) |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,667) | 1,010 |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (14,649) | 7,681 |
| Foreign exchange gains (losses) | (44,933) | 5,818 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | (2,893) |
| Aquiline termination fee | | (3,000) |
| Net income before taxes | \$ (125,813) | \$ 138,013 |

Underwriting (loss) income indicates the performance of the Company's core underwriting function, excluding revenues and expenses such as the reconciling items in the table above. The Company believes the reporting of underwriting income enhances the understanding of our results by highlighting the underlying profitability of the Company's core insurance and reinsurance business. Underwriting profitability is influenced significantly by earned premium growth, adequacy of the Company's pricing and loss frequency and severity. Underwriting profitability over time is also influenced by the Company's underwriting discipline, which seeks to manage exposure to loss through favorable risk selection and diversification, its management of claims, its use of reinsurance and its ability to manage its expense ratio, which it accomplishes through its management of acquisition costs and other underwriting expenses. The Company believes that underwriting income provides investors with a valuable measure of profitability derived from underwriting activities.

The Company excludes the U.S. GAAP measures noted above, in particular net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, from its calculation of underwriting income because the amount of these gains and losses is heavily influenced by, and fluctuates in part, according to availability of investment market opportunities. The Company believes these amounts are largely independent of its underwriting business and including them distorts the analysis of trends in its operations. In addition to presenting net income determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company believes that showing underwriting income enables investors, analysts, rating agencies and other users of its financial information to more easily analyze the Company's results of operations in a manner similar to how management analyzes the Company's underlying business performance. The Company uses underwriting income as a primary measure of underwriting results in its analysis of historical financial information and when performing its budgeting and forecasting processes. Analysts, investors and rating agencies who follow the Company request this non-GAAP financial information on a regular basis. In addition, underwriting income is one of the factors considered by the compensation committee of our Board of Directors in determining the bonus component of the total annual incentive compensation.

Underwriting (loss) income should not be viewed as a substitute for U.S. GAAP net income as there are inherent material limitations associated with the use of underwriting income as compared to using net income, which is the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure. The most significant limitation is the ability of users of the financial information to make comparable assessments of underwriting income with other companies, particularly as underwriting income may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. Therefore, the Company provides

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more prominence in this filing to the use of the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, net income, which includes the reconciling items in the table above. The Company compensates for these limitations by providing both clear and transparent disclosure of net income and reconciliation of underwriting income to net income.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$36.4 million compared to \$36.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$0.2 million or 0.5%. Net investment income decreased as a result of reduced market yields. Net investment income is comprised of accretion of premium or discount on fixed maturities, interest on coupon-paying bonds, short-term investments and cash and cash equivalents, partially offset by investment management fees. The components of net investment income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 are as presented below.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|---|--|--|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 32,443 | \$ 24,076 | 34.8% |
| Securities lending income | 261 | 59 | 342.4% |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4,308 | 13,252 | (67.5)% |
| Total investment income | 37,012 | 37,387 | (1.0)% |
| Investment expenses | (633) | (827) | (23.5)% |
| Net investment income | \$ 36,379 | \$ 36,560 | (0.5)% |

Investment management fees incurred relate to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. (BlackRock) and Goldman Sachs Asset Management L.P. and its affiliates (GSAM). Each of Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc. (Merrill Lynch) and Goldman Sachs is a major shareholder of the Company. BlackRock is considered a related party due to its merger in February 2006 with Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. Investment management fees earned by BlackRock for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Investment management fees earned by GSAM for the three month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. Management believes that the fees charged were consistent with those that would have been charged by unrelated third parties.

Annualized effective investment yield is based on the weighted average investments held calculated on a simple period average and excludes net unrealized gains (losses), foreign exchange gains (losses) on investments and the foreign exchange effect of insurance balances. The Company's annualized effective investment yield was 4.5% and 5.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and the average duration at September 30, 2008 was 2.2 years (December 31, 2007 2.0 years).

Finance Expenses

Finance expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$14.5 million compared to \$17.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$3.4 million or 18.8%. The lower finance expenses in 2008 were attributable primarily to the following:

\$0.8 million decrease on the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures; and

\$1.4 million decrease on Talbot third party FAL facility.

Finance expenses also include the amortization of debt offering costs and offering discounts and fees related to our credit facilities.

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| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|--|--|--|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 3,588 | \$ 3,593 | 0.2% |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 3,509 | 4,294 | (18.3)% |
| Credit facilities | 218 | 1,141 | (80.9)% |
| Talbot FAL facilities | 44 | | NM |
| Talbot other interest | (194) | 76 | (356.6)% |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | 7,352 | 8,782 | (16.3)% |
| Total | \$ 14,517 | \$ 17,886 | (18.8)% |

NM Not Meaningful

Capital in Lloyd's entities, whether personal or corporate, is required to be set annually for the prospective year and held by Lloyd's in trust (Funds at Lloyd's or FAL). In underwriting years up to and including 2007, Talbot's FAL has been provided both by Talbot and by third parties, thereafter Talbot's FAL has been provided exclusively by the Company. Because the third party FAL providers remain on risk until each year of account that they support closes (normally after three years) Talbot must retain third party FAL even if a third party FAL provider has ceased to support the active underwriting year. This is achieved by placing such FAL in escrow outside Lloyd's. Thus the total FAL facility available to the Company is the total FAL for active and prior underwriting years, although the Company can only apply specific FAL against losses incurred by an underwriting year that such FAL is contracted to support.

For each year of account up to and including the 2007 year of account, between 30% and 40% of an amount equivalent to each underwriting year's profit is payable to Talbot third party FAL providers. However, some of these costs are fixed. Further, the 2005 underwriting year only became profitable on a cumulative basis in September 2007, thus triggering profit-related payments for that underwriting year.

The FAL finance charges respond to total syndicate profit (underwriting income, investment income and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses). FAL finance charges and total syndicate profits are analyzed by underwriting year of account as follows:

| Underwriting Year of Account | Three months ended September 30 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| | FAL Finance Charges | | Total Syndicate Profit | | FAL Finance Charges as % of Total Syndicate Profit | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 (1) |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| 2005 (1) | \$ | \$ 4,744 | \$ | \$ 31,295 | NM | 15.2% |
| 2006 (1) | 4,801 | 3,223 | 12,614 | 9,334 | 38.1% | 34.5% |
| 2007 | 2,551 | 815 | 5,583 | 5,234 | 45.7% | 15.6% |
| 2008 | | | (19,051) | | | NM |
| Total | \$ 7,352 | \$ 8,782 | \$ (854) | \$ 45,863 | (860.9)% | 19.1% |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Percentage excluding years in deficit | NM | 19.1% |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|

(1) The earliest year of account includes the run-off of prior (closed) years of account.

NM Not meaningful

FAL finance charges are based on syndicate profit but include fixed elements. Both the 2005 and 2007 years of account were in cumulative loss positions at September 30, 2007 and so provisions for only fixed elements of FAL finance charges were made.

Total syndicate profit, as set out in the table below, is reconciled to the Talbot segment net income by the addition or subtraction of items noted below.

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| | Three months ended September 30 | |
|---|--|------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Total syndicate profit | \$ (854) | \$ 49,455 |
| FAL Finance expenses | (7,352) | (8,782) |
| Managing agent's fee (1) | 2,302 | 2,474 |
| Managing agent's profit commission (2) | 3,241 | 6,624 |
| Investment income (3) | 2,613 | 4,497 |
| Other segment operating expenses, net (4) | (10,291) | (7,903) |
| Company share compensation | (1,163) | (731) |
| Intangible amortization | (1,040) | (1,040) |
| Income tax expense | (457) | (1,480) |
| Talbot segment net (loss) income | \$ (13,001) | \$ 43,114 |

(1) 1.5% of syndicate capacity; corresponding syndicate expense reflected in total syndicate profit, above.

(2) 15.0% of syndicate profit; corresponding syndicate expense reflected in total syndicate profit, above.

(3) On FAL and on non-syndicate cash balances.

(4) Includes Talbot Holdings Ltd share option expenses.

Net Realized (Losses) Gains on Investments

Net realized losses on investments for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$13.7 million compared to gains of \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. Net realized losses resulted primarily from the sale of fixed maturity investments in certain financial institutions.

Net Unrealized (Losses) Gains on Investments

Net unrealized losses on investments for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$14.6 million compared to gains of \$7.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The net unrealized losses in the three months ended September 30, 2008 resulted primarily from market value declines due to spreads widening as a result of extreme volatility in the financial markets.

The Company early adopted FAS 157 and the FAS 159 Fair Value Option on January 1, 2007 for its investment portfolio. As a result, for the quarters ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, net unrealized gains on investments are recorded as a component of net income. Talbot also adopted FAS 157 and the FAS 159 Fair Value Option for its investment portfolio upon acquisition by the Company on July 2, 2007. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company adopted FSP FAS 157-3. Consistent with this statement, certain market conditions allow for fair value measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable. Certain non-Agency RMBS securities were identified as trading in inactive markets. The change in fair value measurement process for the identified non-Agency RMBS securities resulted in a \$16.5 million reduction in net unrealized loss on investments for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Further details are provided in the Investments section below.

Foreign Exchange (Losses) Gains

Foreign exchange losses for the three month period ended September 30, 2008 were \$44.9 million compared to gains of \$5.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a change of \$50.8 million. The foreign exchange losses during the three months ended September 30, 2008 were due to a decline in the value of assets denominated in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar reporting currency. Certain premiums receivable and liabilities for losses incurred in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are exposed to the risk of changes in value resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and may affect financial results in the future.

Talbot's balance sheet includes net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs denominated in foreign currencies of approximately \$89.3 million. This balance consisted of British pound sterling and Canadian dollars of

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approximately \$81.0 million and \$8.3 million, respectively. Net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs are classified as non-monetary items and are translated at historic exchange rates. All of Talbot's other balance sheet items are classified as monetary items and are translated at period end exchange rates. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, this translation process resulted in foreign exchange losses that will reverse in future periods as net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs are earned. Additional foreign exchange (losses) gains may be incurred on the translation of net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs arising from insurance and reinsurance premiums written in future periods.

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The following table presents results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and the pro forma results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2007:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 | Three months ended September 30, 2007 | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 Pro Forma (1) | |
|--|--|--|---|---|--------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | (1) |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 269,236 | \$ 245,271 | \$ 1,170,749 | \$ 797,641 | \$ 1,186,952 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (35,139) | (7,906) | (121,438) | (65,644) | (142,267) |
| Net premiums written | 234,097 | 237,365 | 1,049,311 | 731,997 | 1,044,685 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 105,229 | 58,161 | (108,823) | (191,949) | (219,802) |
| Net premiums earned | 339,326 | 295,526 | 940,488 | 540,048 | 824,883 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 318,464 | 87,263 | 580,578 | 176,426 | 319,640 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 60,425 | 50,945 | 173,545 | 81,000 | 142,466 |
| General and administrative expenses | 30,120 | 41,793 | 101,139 | 64,088 | 107,684 |
| Share compensation expense | 6,012 | 6,132 | 19,818 | 10,054 | 12,389 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 415,021 | 186,133 | 875,080 | 331,568 | 582,179 |
| Underwriting (loss) income (2) | (75,695) | 109,393 | 65,408 | 208,480 | 242,704 |
| Net investment income | 36,379 | 36,560 | 108,857 | 74,799 | 94,680 |
| Other income | 1,269 | 1,330 | 3,666 | 1,330 | 3,495 |
| Finance expenses | (14,517) | (17,886) | (48,796) | (26,331) | (52,222) |
| Operating income before taxes | (52,564) | 129,397 | 129,135 | 258,278 | 288,657 |
| Taxes | 487 | 1,488 | 4,992 | 1,527 | 2,724 |
| Operating (loss) income after tax | (53,051) | 127,909 | 124,143 | 256,751 | 285,933 |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (13,667) | 1,010 | (8,348) | 823 | (406) |
| Net unrealized (losses) gains on investments | (14,649) | 7,681 | (72,608) | 3,136 | 3,135 |

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | | | 8,752 | | |
| Foreign exchange (losses) gains | (44,933) | 5,818 | (35,843) | 9,210 | 10,393 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | (2,893) | | (2,893) | (2,893) |
| Aquiline termination fee | | (3,000) | | (3,000) | (3,000) |
| Net (loss) income after taxes | \$ (126,300) | \$ 136,525 | \$ 16,096 | \$ 264,027 | \$ 293,162 |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (1,556) | (640) | (1,479) | (640) | |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | \$ (127,856) | \$ 135,885 | \$ 14,617 | \$ 263,387 | \$ 293,162 |
| Selected ratios | | | | | |
| Net premiums written/ Gross premiums written | 86.9% | 96.8% | 89.6% | 91.8% | 88.0% |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 93.9% | 29.5% | 61.7% | 32.7% | 38.7% |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 17.8% | 17.3% | 18.5% | 15.0% | 17.3% |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 10.6% | 16.2% | 12.9% | 13.7% | 14.6% |
| Expense ratio | 28.4% | 33.5% | 31.4% | 28.7% | 31.9% |
| Combined ratio | 122.3% | 63.0% | 93.1% | 61.4% | 70.6% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. The pro forma results of operations including Talbot are presented for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

(2) **Non-GAAP Financial Measures.** In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income (loss) that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled **Underwriting Income.**

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| | Three months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | Three months ended September 30, 2007 (1) (Dollars in thousands) | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) (Dollars in thousands) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| <u>VALIDUS RE</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 125,029 | \$ 102,229 | \$ 643,898 | \$ 654,599 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (36,286) | (7,291) | (61,237) | (65,029) |
| Net premiums written | 88,743 | 94,938 | 582,661 | 589,570 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 92,653 | 57,055 | (93,498) | (193,055) |
| Net premiums earned | 181,396 | 151,993 | 489,163 | 396,515 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 217,081 | 38,131 | 324,673 | 127,294 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 26,520 | 18,161 | 72,232 | 48,216 |
| General and administrative expenses | 7,972 | 9,527 | 27,306 | 23,553 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,809 | 1,281 | 4,632 | 2,824 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 253,382 | 67,100 | 428,843 | 201,887 |
| Underwriting (loss) income (2) | (71,986) | 84,893 | 60,320 | 194,628 |
| <u>TALBOT</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 157,307 | \$ 143,042 | \$ 556,335 | \$ 143,042 |
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | (11,953) | (615) | (89,685) | (615) |
| Net premiums written | 145,354 | 142,427 | 466,650 | 142,427 |
| Change in unearned premiums | 12,576 | 1,106 | (15,325) | 1,106 |
| Net premiums earned | 157,930 | 143,533 | 451,325 | 143,533 |
| Losses and loss expenses | 101,383 | 49,132 | 255,905 | 49,132 |
| Policy acquisition costs | 34,026 | 32,784 | 101,458 | 32,784 |
| General and administrative expenses | 17,851 | 25,258 | 58,561 | 25,258 |
| Share compensation expense | 1,164 | 731 | 3,266 | 731 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 154,424 | 107,905 | 419,190 | 107,905 |
| Underwriting income (2) | 3,506 | 35,628 | 32,135 | 35,628 |
| <u>CORPORATE & ELIMINATIONS</u> | | | | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ (13,100) | \$ | \$ (29,484) | \$ |

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| | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Reinsurance premiums ceded | 13,100 | | 29,484 | |
| Net premiums written | | | | |
| Policy acquisition costs | (121) | | (145) | |
| General and administrative expenses | 4,297 | 7,008 | 15,272 | 15,277 |
| Share compensation | 3,039 | 4,120 | 11,920 | 6,499 |
| Total underwriting expenses | 7,215 | 11,128 | 27,047 | 21,776 |
| Underwriting loss (2) | (7,215) | (11,128) | (27,047) | (21,776) |
| Total underwriting (loss) income (2) | \$ (75,695) | \$ 109,393 | \$ 65,408 | \$ 208,480 |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

(2) Non-GAAP Financial Measures. In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed underwriting income (loss) that is not calculated under standards or rules that comprise U.S. GAAP. Such measures are referred to as non-GAAP. Non-GAAP

measures may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A reconciliation of this measure to net income, the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, is presented in the section below entitled Underwriting Income.

Table of Contents***Nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to nine months ended September 30, 2007***

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$16.1 million compared to net income of \$264.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$247.9 million or 93.9%. The primary factors driving the change in net income were:

Decrease in underwriting income of \$143.1 million due primarily to losses and loss expense of \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. These losses were offset by the benefit of earning premiums on business written in 2007 and 2006, and increased earned reinstatement premiums as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav;

Decrease in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments of \$75.7 million as a result of market value declines due to interest rate movements and widening credit spreads resulting from the extreme volatility in the financial markets;

Decrease in foreign exchange (losses) gains of \$45.1 million due principally to third quarter declines in the value of assets denominated in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar reporting currency; and

Increased finance expenses of \$22.5 million, resulting primarily from an increase of \$6.9 million in finance expense on the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures and \$17.0 million of Talbot Funds at Lloyd's (FAL) finance expense.

The changes noted above were partially offset by increased net investment income of \$34.1 million as a result of growth in the Validus Re investment portfolio and the addition of the Talbot portfolio.

The decrease in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 of \$247.9 million is described in the following table:

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
|--|---|---------------|--|--------------|
| | Increase (decrease) over the nine months ended September | | | |
| | 30, 2007 | | | |
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Corporate and other reconciling items | Total |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav net losses and loss expenses | \$ (172,635) | \$ (32,878) | \$ | \$ (205,513) |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav net reinstatement premiums | 19,268 | 392 | | 19,660 |
| Other underwriting (loss) income items | 19,059 | 28,993 | (5,271) | 42,781 |
| Underwriting (loss) income | (134,308) | (3,493) | (5,271) | (143,072) |
| Net investment income (loss) | 15,794 | 21,085 | (2,821) | 34,058 |
| Other income (loss) | 145 | 2,336 | (145) | 2,336 |
| Finance expenses | 488 | (16,963) | (5,990) | (22,465) |
| | (117,881) | 2,965 | (14,227) | (129,143) |
| Taxes | (31) | (3,434) | | (3,465) |
| | (117,912) | (469) | (14,227) | (132,608) |

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|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | | | 8,752 | 8,752 |
| Net (losses) realized gains on investments | (14,646) | 5,475 | | (9,171) |
| Net (losses) unrealized gains on investments | (59,953) | (15,791) | | (75,744) |
| Foreign (losses) exchange gains | (23,411) | (21,642) | | (45,053) |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | | 2,893 | 2,893 |
| Aquiline termination fee | | | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Net income | \$ (215,922) | \$ (32,427) | \$ 418 | \$ (247,931) |

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- (1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

Gross Premiums Written

Gross premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$1,170.7 million compared to \$797.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$373.1 million or 46.8%. The increase in gross premiums written was driven primarily by the addition of Talbot which contributed \$413.3 million. The increase from Talbot was partially offset by decreases in Validus Re s property and marine lines of \$10.1 and \$6.7 million, respectively, as discussed below. Details of gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 577,976 | 49.4% | \$ 510,643 | 64.0% | 13.2% |
| Marine | 335,856 | 28.7% | 173,659 | 21.8% | 93.4% |
| Specialty | 256,917 | 21.9% | 113,339 | 14.2% | 126.7% |
| Total | \$ 1,170,749 | 100.0% | \$ 797,641 | 100.0% | 46.8% |

- (1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are

presented in the analysis above.

Validus Re. Validus Re gross premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$643.9 million compared to \$654.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$10.7 million or 1.6%. Excluding reinstatement premiums written of \$19.3 million as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, gross premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$624.6 million, a decrease of \$30.0 million, or 4.6% compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Details of Validus Re gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premium written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 471,963 | 73.3% | \$ 482,093 | 73.7% | (2.1)% |
| Marine | 111,945 | 17.4% | 118,643 | 18.1% | (5.6)% |
| Specialty | 59,990 | 9.3% | 53,863 | 8.2% | 11.4% |
| Total | \$ 643,898 | 100.0% | \$ 654,599 | 100.0% | (1.6)% |

Premium rates in most lines have declined during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. As a result of the Company's decision to grow revenue only when returns meet or exceed internal requirements, gross premiums written on the property and marine lines decreased in comparison to the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decreases on property and marine lines were offset by \$15.2 million and \$4.1 million of reinstatement premiums written as a result of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, respectively.

Talbot. In the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Talbot gross premiums written were \$556.3 million compared to \$544.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$12.1 million or 2.2%. Details of gross premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | Gross premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Gross premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 122,984 | 22.1% | \$ 130,618 | 24.0% | (5.8)% |
| Marine | 230,777 | 41.5% | 205,002 | 37.7% | 12.6% |
| Specialty | 202,574 | 36.4% | 208,608 | 38.3% | (2.9)% |
| Total | \$ 556,335 | 100.0% | \$ 544,228 | 100.0% | 2.2% |

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The increase in gross premiums written was due primarily to a \$25.8 million increase on the marine lines. This increase is offset by reductions in the property and specialty lines. The property line decreased by \$7.6 million due principally to difficult trading conditions experienced by the direct property lines. The specialty line decreased by \$6.0 million due principally to lower premium on the war and financial institutions account, offset by additional premiums on the accident and health and bloodstock and livestock lines.

Reinsurance Premiums Ceded

Reinsurance premiums ceded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$121.4 million compared to \$65.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$55.8 million or 85.0%. The increase in reinsurance premiums ceded was due primarily to the addition of Talbot which contributed \$89.1 million. The increase from Talbot was partially offset by an inter-segmental elimination of \$29.5 million and a \$3.8 million decrease in Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded, as discussed below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | % Change |
| Property | \$ 47,719 | 39.2% | \$ 31,380 | 47.8% | 52.1% |
| Marine | 36,616 | 30.2% | 32,169 | 49.0% | 13.8% |
| Specialty | 37,103 | 30.6% | 2,095 | 3.2% | 1,671.0% |
| Total | \$ 121,438 | 100.0% | \$ 65,644 | 100.0% | 85.0% |

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Validus Re. Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$61.2 million compared to \$65.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$3.8 million or 5.8%.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|---------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | |
| Property | \$ 37,158 | 60.7% | \$ 31,396 | 48.3% | 18.4% |
| Marine | 23,526 | 38.4% | 32,208 | 49.5% | (27.0)% |
| Specialty | 553 | 0.9% | 1,425 | 2.2% | (61.2)% |
| Total | \$ 61,237 | 100.0% | \$ 65,029 | 100.0% | (5.8)% |

The decrease in Validus Re reinsurance premiums ceded was due primarily to a decrease in the marine lines of \$8.7 million, or 27.0% offset by an increase in property lines of \$5.8 million or 18.4%.

Talbot. Talbot reinsurance premiums ceded for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$89.7 million compared to \$89.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$0.6 million.

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| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|-------------|
| | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (Dollars in thousands) | Reinsurance Premiums Ceded (%) | |
| Property | \$ 27,532 | 30.7% | \$ 23,401 | 26.3% | 17.7% |
| Marine | 19,956 | 22.3% | 19,922 | 22.4% | 0.2% |
| Specialty | 42,197 | 47.0% | 45,791 | 51.3% | (7.8)% |
| Total | \$ 89,685 | 100.0% | \$ 89,114 | 100.0% | 0.6% |

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NM Not Meaningful

The structure of the 2008 reinsurance program changed from the 2007 program. Less excess of loss coverage was purchased at lower levels, resulting in increased retention. However, the reduction has been partly offset by increased premiums ceded as a result of a surplus treaty and quota share contracts with Validus Re.

Net Premiums Written

Net premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$1,049.3 million compared to \$732.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$317.3 million or 43.3%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below. The increase in net premiums written was driven primarily by the consolidation of Talbot which contributed \$324.2 million.

Nine months ended**Nine months ended**

| | September 30, 2008 | | September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 530,257 | 50.6% | \$ 479,263 | 65.5% | 10.6% |
| Marine | 299,240 | 28.5% | 141,490 | 19.3% | 111.5% |
| Specialty | 219,814 | 20.9% | 111,244 | 15.2% | 97.6% |
| Total | \$ 1,049,311 | 100.0% | \$ 731,997 | 100.0% | 43.3% |

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Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$582.7 million compared to \$589.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$6.9 million or 1.2%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 434,805 | 74.6% | \$ 450,697 | 76.4% | (3.5)% |
| Marine | 88,419 | 15.2% | 86,435 | 14.7% | 2.3% |
| Specialty | 59,437 | 10.2% | 52,438 | 8.9% | 13.3% |
| Total | \$ 582,661 | 100.0% | \$ 589,570 | 100.0% | (1.2)% |

The ratio of net premiums written to gross premiums written was 90.5% and 90.1% for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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Talbot. Talbot net premiums written for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$466.7 million compared to \$455.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$11.6 million or 2.5%. Details of net premiums written by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | Net premiums written (Dollars in thousands) | Net premiums written (%) | |
| Property | \$ 95,452 | 20.5% | \$ 107,217 | 23.6% | (11.0)% |
| Marine | 210,821 | 45.1% | 185,080 | 40.7% | 13.9% |
| Specialty | 160,377 | 34.4% | 162,817 | 35.7% | (1.5)% |
| Total | \$ 466,650 | 100.0% | \$ 455,114 | 100.0% | 2.5% |

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The increase in net premiums written was driven mainly by the increase in gross premiums written, explained above. The ratio of net premiums written to gross premiums written for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 83.9% and 83.6%, respectively.

Change in Unearned Premiums

Change in unearned premiums for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$108.8 million compared to \$191.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$83.1 million or 43.3%.

Nine months **Nine months**
ended **ended**

| | ended September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Change in gross unearned premium | \$ (150,532) | \$ (191,825) | (21.5)% |
| Change in prepaid reinsurance premium | 41,709 | (124) | NM |
| Net change in unearned premium | \$ (108,823) | \$ (191,949) | (43.3)% |

NM Not meaningful

Validus Re. Validus Re's change in unearned premiums for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$93.5 million compared to \$193.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$99.6 million or 51.6%. This change was due primarily to the nonrenewal of a \$49.0 million proportional global onshore energy contract recorded in January 2007 and the relative maturation of the Company's risks-attaching business. The relationship between earned and written premiums will stabilize as the Company's operating history lengthens past its third year.

Talbot. The Talbot change in unearned premiums for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$15.3 million compared to \$26.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Change in gross unearned premium | \$ (41,332) | \$ (46,781) | (11.7)% |
| Change in prepaid reinsurance premium | 26,007 | 20,035 | 29.8% |
| Net change in unearned premium | \$ (15,325) | \$ (26,746) | (42.7)% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition.

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The pre-acquisition and post-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented on a combined basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

The increase in unearned premiums comprises \$5.4 million of gross unearned premiums difference less \$6.0 million in prepaid reinsurance premiums. The variance in change in gross unearned premiums between the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 arises from increases in gross premiums written together with a marginally delayed earnings pattern on the 2008 account compared to the 2007 account at the same stage. The variance in change in prepaid reinsurance premiums between the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 arises from an increase in quota share and surplus treaty spend; that has an earnings pattern consistent with gross premiums written.

Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$940.5 million compared to \$540.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$400.4 million or 74.1%. The increase in net premiums earned was driven primarily by the consolidation of Talbot which contributed \$307.8 million and increased premiums earned at Validus Re which accounted for \$92.6 million of the increase.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | |
| | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 452,655 | 48.2% | \$ 331,767 | 61.4% | 36.4% |
| Marine | 274,110 | 29.1% | 110,713 | 20.5% | 147.6% |
| Specialty | 213,723 | 22.7% | 97,568 | 18.1% | 119.1% |
| Total | \$ 940,488 | 100.0% | \$ 540,048 | 100.0% | 74.1% |

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acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

Validus Re. Validus Re net premiums earned for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$489.2 million compared to \$396.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$92.6 million or 23.4%.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | |
| | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 361,027 | 73.8% | \$ 299,458 | 75.5% | 20.6% |
| Marine | 75,109 | 15.4% | 55,750 | 14.1% | 34.7% |
| Specialty | 53,027 | 10.8% | 41,307 | 10.4% | 28.4% |
| Total | \$ 489,163 | 100.0% | \$ 396,515 | 100.0% | 23.4% |

The increase in net premiums earned reflects the benefit of earning premiums on business written in 2007 and 2006. Contracts written on a risks-attaching basis are generally earned over 24 months and therefore have less immediate effect on premiums earned than contracts written on a losses-occurring basis which are generally earned on a 12 month basis.

Talbot. Talbot net premiums earned for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$451.3 million compared to \$428.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$22.9 million or 5.4%.

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| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|-------------|
| | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | |
| | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | Earned (Dollars in thousands) | Earned % | |
| Property | \$ 91,628 | 20.3% | \$ 102,130 | 23.8% | (10.3)% |
| Marine | 199,001 | 44.1% | 169,504 | 39.6% | 17.4% |
| Specialty | 160,696 | 35.6% | 156,734 | 36.6% | 2.5% |
| Total | \$ 451,325 | 100.0% | \$ 428,368 | 100.0% | 5.4% |

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The increase in net earned premium is due principally to increased gross premiums written on the marine line and a lower excess of loss reinsurance spend.

Losses and Loss Expenses

Losses and loss expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$580.6 million compared to \$176.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$404.2 million or 229.1%. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million of loss expense attributable to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 19.5 and 2.4 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. Also, the consolidation of Talbot accounts for \$206.8 million of the increase in loss expense. The loss ratio, which is defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 61.7% and 32.7%, respectively. Details of loss ratios by line of business are provided below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | Percentage point change |
|------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Property | 68.4% | 32.7% | 35.7 |
| Marine | 75.0% | 39.1% | 35.9 |
| Specialty | 30.5% | 25.3% | 5.2 |
| All lines | 61.7% | 32.7% | 29.0 |

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Validus Re | Talbot | Eliminations | Total |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Gross reserves at period beginning | \$ 196,814 | \$ 729,303 | \$ | \$ 926,117 |
| Losses recoverable at period beginning | | (134,404) | | (134,404) |
| Net reserves at period beginning | 196,814 | 594,899 | | 791,713 |
| Incurred losses current year | 333,606 | 297,004 | | 630,610 |
| Incurred losses change in prior accident years | (8,933) | (41,099) | | (50,032) |
| Incurred losses | 324,673 | 255,905 | | 580,578 |
| Paid losses | (81,525) | (170,024) | | (251,549) |
| Foreign exchange | | (21,361) | | (21,361) |
| Net reserves at period end | 439,962 | 659,419 | | 1,099,381 |
| Losses recoverable at period end | 53,591 | 135,670 | (15,798) | 173,463 |
| Gross reserves at period end | \$ 493,553 | \$ 795,089 | \$ (15,798) | \$ 1,272,844 |

The amount recorded represents management's best estimate of expected losses and loss expenses on premiums earned. The increase in loss and loss expenses was due principally to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and the consolidation

of Talbot. Favorable loss development on prior years totaled \$50.0 million. The \$41.1 million

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favorable loss reserve development in the Talbot segment relates primarily to the 2006 and prior underwriting years as described below. The \$8.9 million favorable loss reserve development in the Validus Re segment relates primarily to the property lines. Favorable loss reserve development benefitted the Company's loss ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 by 5.3 percentage points.

The loss ratio in 2008 is not necessarily comparable to the 2007 loss ratio due to the consolidation of Talbot effective July 2, 2007. Prior to the three months ended September 30, 2008, Talbot had experienced a higher loss ratio than Validus Re in the periods since inception of Validus Re, attributable to the different mix of business written by Validus Re and Talbot. In periods of light natural catastrophe activity, Validus Re can generally be expected to have a lower loss ratio than Talbot. Conversely, in periods of heavy natural catastrophe activity, such as the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Validus Re can generally be expected to have a higher loss ratio than Talbot.

Management of insurance and reinsurance companies use significant judgment in the estimation of reserves for losses and loss expenses. Given the magnitude of recent loss events and other uncertainties inherent in loss estimation, meaningful uncertainty remains regarding the estimation of recent losses. The Company's actual ultimate net losses from recent loss events may vary materially from estimates.

At September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, gross and net reserves for losses and loss expenses were estimated using the methodology as outlined in the critical accounting policies and estimates as discussed in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition* in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Company did not make any significant changes in the assumptions or methodology used in its reserving process during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

| | At September 30, 2008 | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | Gross case reserves | Gross IBNR | Total gross reserve for losses and loss expenses |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Property | \$ 233,297 | \$ 236,476 | \$ 469,733 |
| Marine | 261,644 | 309,672 | 571,316 |
| Specialty | 78,100 | 153,655 | 231,755 |
| Total | \$ 573,041 | \$ 699,803 | \$ 1,272,844 |

| | At September 30, 2008 | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Gross case reserves | Net IBNR | Total net reserve for losses and loss expenses |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Property | \$ 240,086 | \$ 224,804 | \$ 464,890 |
| Marine | 186,590 | 242,248 | 428,838 |
| Specialty | 68,340 | 137,313 | 205,653 |
| Total | \$ 495,016 | \$ 604,365 | \$ 1,099,381 |

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav of \$183.4 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, as detailed in the chart below.

| | Net Losses and Loss Expenses (1) | Net Reinstatement Premiums | Net Effect on Net (Loss) Income (2) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Hurricane Ike | | | |
| <i>Validus Re Hurricane Ike</i> | | | |
| Property | \$ 120,286 | \$ (13,867) | \$ 106,419 |
| Marine | 36,778 | (4,098) | 32,680 |
| Specialty | 125 | | 125 |
| All lines | 157,189 | (17,965) | 139,224 |
| <i>Talbot Hurricane Ike</i> | | | |
| Property | 15,161 | (386) | 14,775 |
| Marine | 10,478 | (6) | 10,472 |
| Specialty | 544 | | 544 |
| All lines | 26,183 | (392) | 25,791 |
| <i>Total Hurricane Ike</i> | | | |
| Property | 135,447 | (14,253) | 121,194 |
| Marine | 47,256 | (4,104) | 43,152 |
| Specialty | 669 | | 669 |
| All lines | \$ 183,372 | \$ (18,357) | \$ 165,015 |
| Hurricane Gustav | | | |
| <i>Validus Re Hurricane Gustav</i> | | | |
| Property | \$ 13,946 | \$ (1,303) | \$ 12,643 |
| Marine | 1,500 | | 1,500 |
| Specialty | | | |
| All lines | 15,446 | (1,303) | 14,143 |
| <i>Talbot Hurricane Gustav</i> | | | |
| Property | 3,695 | | 3,695 |
| Marine | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| Specialty | 500 | | 500 |
| All lines | 6,695 | | 6,695 |
| <i>Total Hurricane Gustav</i> | | | |
| Property | 17,641 | (1,303) | 16,338 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---------|-------------|------------|
| Marine | | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| Specialty | | 500 | | 500 |
| All lines | \$ | 22,141 | \$ (1,303) | \$ 20,838 |
| Hurricanes Ike and Gustav | | | | |
| Property | \$ | 153,088 | \$ (15,556) | \$ 137,532 |
| Marine | | 51,256 | (4,104) | 47,152 |
| Specialty | | 1,169 | | 1,169 |
| All lines | \$ | 205,513 | \$ (19,660) | \$ 185,853 |

- (1) Net of reinsurance
- (2) Net effect on net (loss) income includes the sum of estimates of net claims and claim expenses incurred, and earned reinstatement premiums assumed and ceded.

Validus Re. Validus Re losses and loss expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$324.7 million compared to \$127.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$197.4 million or 155.1%. The loss ratio, defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 66.4% and 32.1%, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Validus Re incurred \$157.2 million and \$15.4 million of loss expense attributable to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 32.1 and 3.2 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. Validus Re's property lines

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incurred 6.2 percentage points of the segment loss ratio, attributable to separately identified losses disclosed in Item 2 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Validus Re's property lines incurred \$34.0 million of loss expense, or 8.6 percentage points of the segment loss ratio, attributable to Australian windstorms and flooding in parts of England; and \$20.5 million of loss expense, or 5.2 percentage points of the segment loss ratio, attributable to windstorm Kyrill. Details of loss ratios by line of business and period of incurrence are provided below.

| | | Nine months ended | | Percentage point change |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | September 30 | | |
| | | 2008 | 2007 | |
| Property | current year | 67.9% | 35.7% | 32.2 |
| Property | change in prior accident years | (3.9)% | (4.4)% | 0.5 |
| Property | loss ratio | 64.0% | 31.3% | 32.7 |
| Marine | current year | 93.1% | 38.0% | 55.1 |
| Marine | change in prior accident years | 9.7% | (4.5)% | 14.2 |
| Marine | loss ratio | 102.8% | 33.5% | 69.3 |
| Specialty | current year | 35.0% | 37.9% | (2.9) |
| Specialty | change in prior accident years | (3.8)% | (1.6)% | (2.2) |
| Specialty | loss ratio | 31.2% | 36.3% | (5.1) |
| All lines | current year | 68.2% | 36.2% | 32.0 |
| All lines | change in prior accident years | (1.8)% | (4.1)% | 2.3 |
| All lines | loss ratio | 66.4% | 32.1% | 34.3 |

Validus Re paid losses of \$81.5 million and \$41.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Validus Re experienced favorable development of \$8.9 million and \$16.3 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent \$120.3 million or 33.3 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio and \$13.9 million, or 3.9 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Validus Re's property lines also incurred \$30.2 million, or 8.4 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, attributable to separately identified losses disclosed in Item 2 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2008; and \$10.2 million, or 2.8 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, attributable to certain U.S. storm and flood losses during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The property lines also experienced favorable development of \$14.2 million, or 3.9 percentage points, due to favorable development on the 2007 UK flood, Australian storm losses, and several other smaller events..

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Validus Re's property lines incurred \$34.0 million, or 11.4 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, attributable to Australian windstorms and flooding in parts of northern England; and \$20.5 million of loss expense, or 6.8 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, attributable to windstorm Kyrill.

Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent \$36.8 million, or 49.0 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio and \$1.5 million, or 2.0 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The marine lines experienced adverse development of \$7.3 million of loss expense, or 9.7 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, due primarily to development on a 2007 off-shore drilling loss as

well as attritional loss experience over the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Talbot. Talbot losses and loss expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$255.9 million compared to \$191.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$64.3 million or 33.5%. The loss ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 56.7% and 44.7%, During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, Talbot incurred \$26.2 million and \$6.7 million of loss expense attributable to

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Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which represent 5.8 and 1.5 percentage points of the loss ratio, respectively. Details of loss ratios by line of business and period of incurrence are provided below.

| | | Nine months ended September 30 | | Percentage point change |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| | | 2008 | 2007 | |
| Property | current year | 93.3% | 51.9% | 41.4 |
| Property | change in prior accident years | (7.2)% | (5.8)% | (1.4) |
| Property | loss ratio | 86.1% | 46.1% | 40.0 |
| Marine | current year | 68.0% | 57.0% | 11.0 |
| Marine | change in prior accident years | (3.5)% | (4.0)% | 0.5 |
| Marine | loss ratio | 64.5% | 53.0% | 11.5 |
| Specialty | current year | 47.4% | 40.2% | 7.2 |
| Specialty | change in prior accident years | (17.1)% | (5.2)% | (11.9) |
| Specialty | loss ratio | 30.3% | 35.0% | (4.7) |
| All lines | current year | 65.8% | 49.6% | 16.2 |
| All lines | change in prior accident years | (9.1)% | (4.9)% | (4.2) |
| All lines | loss ratio | 56.7% | 44.7% | 12.0 |

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The property lines include \$85.4 million related to current year event losses and \$6.6 million of favorable development on prior accident year reserves. Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent \$15.2 million or 16.5 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio and \$3.7 million, or 4.0 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. As well, there were a significant number of non-catastrophe events in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Talbot incurred \$20.0 million of loss expense attributable to flooding in parts of England, which represented 19.6 percentage points of the property lines loss ratio.

The marine lines include \$135.4 million related to current year losses and \$7.1 million relating to prior accident years. Losses related to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav represent \$10.5 million, or 5.3 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio and \$2.5 million, or 1.3 percentage points of the marine lines loss ratio, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The specialty lines include \$76.2 million relating to current year losses offset by \$27.4 million due to favorable development on prior accident year reserves. The increase in the current year loss ratio was due to several losses on the financial institutions line together with provisions in respect of sub-prime exposure. The reduction in the prior accident year ratio was due mainly to a reduction in the war line ratios due to continued low claims activity and reduced provisions for late reported claims in the more developed underwriting years of the financial institutions line.

Policy Acquisition Costs

Policy acquisition costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$173.5 million compared to \$81.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$92.5 million or 114.3%. Policy acquisition costs were higher due to \$68.7 million resulting from the consolidation of Talbot and an increase at Validus Re which accounted for \$24.0 million of the increase.

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| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | |
| | Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Costs % | Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 71,147 | 41.0% | \$ 44,953 | 55.5% | 58.3% |
| Marine | 55,941 | 32.2% | 16,819 | 20.8% | 232.6% |
| Specialty | 46,457 | 26.8% | 19,228 | 23.7% | 141.6% |
| Total | \$ 173,545 | 100.0% | \$ 81,000 | 100.0% | 114.3% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

Validus Re. Validus Re policy acquisition costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$72.2 million compared to \$48.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$24.0 million or 49.8%.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | Policy Acquisition | |
| | Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Costs % | Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 54,437 | 75.4% | \$ 38,249 | 79.3% | 42.3% |
| Marine | 10,496 | 14.5% | 4,776 | 9.9% | 119.8% |
| Specialty | 7,299 | 10.1% | 5,191 | 10.8% | 40.6% |
| Total | \$ 72,232 | 100.0% | \$ 48,216 | 100.0% | 49.8% |

Policy acquisition costs include brokerage, commission and excise tax and are generally driven by contract terms and are normally a set percentage of premiums. Policy acquisition costs were higher as a result of the higher level of premiums earned in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007. Policy

acquisition costs as a percent of net premiums earned for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 14.8% and 12.2%, respectively, an increase of 2.6 percentage points. The policy acquisition ratio increased due principally to an increase in the policy acquisition ratio on property lines of 2.3 percentage points. A number of proportional property contracts that incepted during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 that carry a high acquisition cost ratio were at their peak earnings period. These contracts increase the acquisition cost ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Talbot. Talbot policy acquisition costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$101.5 million compared to \$94.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$7.3 million or 7.6%.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | Policy Acquisition Costs (Dollars in thousands) | Policy Acquisition Costs % | |
| Property | \$ 16,855 | 16.6% | \$ 19,535 | 20.7% | (13.7)% |
| Marine | 45,445 | 44.8% | 37,448 | 39.8% | 21.4% |
| Specialty | 39,158 | 38.6% | 37,266 | 39.5% | 5.1% |
| Total | \$ 101,458 | 100.0% | \$ 94,249 | 100.0% | 7.6% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. The pre-acquisition and post-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented on a combined basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

Policy acquisition cost ratios were 22.5% and 22.0%, respectively, for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. Policy acquisition costs as a percent of gross earned premiums were 19.7% and 18.9%, respectively, for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. This increase was due to higher brokerage rates on the bloodstock and accident and health accounts within the specialty class of business.

Table of Contents**General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$101.1 million compared to \$64.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$37.1 million or 57.8%. The increase was primarily a result of Talbot expenses of \$58.6 million.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|--------------|
| | General and Administrative Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | General and Administrative Expenses (%) | General and Administrative Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | General and Administrative Expenses (%) | |
| Validus Re | \$ 27,306 | 27.0% | \$ 23,553 | 36.8% | 15.9% |
| Talbot | 58,561 | 57.9% | 25,258 | 39.4% | 131.9% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | 15,272 | 15.1% | 15,277 | 23.8% | NM |
| Total | \$ 101,139 | 100.0% | \$ 64,088 | 100.0% | 57.8% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

NM Not meaningful

General and administrative expense ratios for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 12.9% and 13.7%, respectively. General and administrative expense ratio is the sum of general and administrative expenses and share compensation expense divided by net premiums earned.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | Expenses as % of Net Earned Premiums | Expenses (Dollars in thousands) | Expenses as % of Net Earned Premiums |
| General and Administrative | \$ 101,139 | 10.8% | \$ 64,088 | 11.8% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Share Compensation | 19,818 | 2.1% | 10,054 | 1.9% |
| Total | \$ 120,957 | 12.9% | \$ 74,142 | 13.7% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

General and administrative expenses of \$101.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 represents 10.8 percentage points of the expense ratio. Share compensation expense is discussed in the following section.

Validus Re. Validus Re general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$27.3 million compared to \$23.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$3.7 million or 15.8%. The increase in expenses reflects the increase in staff to 86 at September 30, 2008 from 62 at September 30, 2007. General and administrative expenses are generally comprised of salaries and benefits, professional fees, rent and office expenses. The general and administrative expenses as a percent of net premiums earned for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 5.6% and 5.9%, respectively.

Talbot. Talbot general and administrative expenses were \$58.6 million and \$71.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. General and administrative expenses decreased as a result of lower Lloyd's operating costs of \$4.7 million due to lower rates of Central Fund charges and \$2.7 million lower profit-related bonus expenses. This decrease is partly offset by \$2.1 million of intangible asset amortization related to the Company's acquisition of Talbot. The general and administrative expenses as a percent of net premiums earned for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were 13.0% and 16.8%, respectively.

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Corporate & Eliminations. Corporate general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$15.3 million compared to \$15.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Corporate general and administrative expenses are comprised of executive and board expenses, internal and external audit expenses and other costs relating to the Company as a whole.

Share Compensation Expense

Share compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$19.8 million compared to \$10.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$9.8 million or 97.1%. The increase was a result of \$6.3 million in respect of the Employee Seller shares issued to Talbot employees as part of the purchase of the group by the Company and an increase of \$5.4 million related to Corporate segment staff. This expense is non-cash and has no net effect on total shareholders' equity, as it is balanced by an increase in additional paid-in capital.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (1) | | % Change |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|--------------|
| | Share Compensation Expense (Dollars in thousands) | Share Compensation Expense (%) | Share Compensation Expense (Dollars in thousands) | Share Compensation Expense (%) | |
| Validus Re | \$ 4,632 | 23.4% | \$ 2,824 | 28.1% | 64.0% |
| Talbot | 3,266 | 16.5% | 731 | 7.3% | 346.8% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | 11,920 | 60.1% | 6,499 | 64.6% | 83.4% |
| Total | \$ 19,818 | 100.0% | \$ 10,054 | 100.0% | 97.1% |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. No pre-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented in the analysis above.

Share compensation expense of \$19.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 represents 2.1 percentage points of the general and administrative expense ratio.

Validus Re. Validus Re share compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$4.6 million compared to \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$1.8 million or 64.0%. Share compensation expense as a percent of net premiums earned for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 0.9% and 0.7%, respectively.

Talbot. Talbot share compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 was \$3.3 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. The increase was due to the 2008 cost being incurred for the full nine

months whereas the 2007 cost covers the period from acquisition only as the awards were not granted until the third quarter. Share compensation expense as a percent of net premiums earned for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 was 0.7% and 0.2%, respectively.

Corporate & Eliminations. Corporate share compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$11.9 million compared to \$6.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$5.4 million or 83.4%. The increase was primarily a result of \$6.3 million in respect of the Employee Seller shares issued to Talbot employees as part of the purchase of the group by the Company.

Selected Ratios

The underwriting results of an insurance or reinsurance company are often measured by reference to its combined ratio, which is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio. The net loss ratio is calculated by dividing losses and loss expenses incurred (including estimates for incurred but not reported losses) by net premiums earned. The expense ratio is calculated by dividing acquisition costs combined with general and administrative expenses by net premiums earned. The following table presents the loss and loss expense ratio, policy acquisition cost ratio,

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general and administrative expense ratio, expense ratio and combined ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|--|---|---|--|
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 61.7% | 32.7% | 29.0 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 18.5% | 15.0% | 3.5 |
| General and administrative expense ratio (1) | 12.9% | 13.7% | (0.8) |
| Expense ratio | 31.4% | 28.7% | 2.7 |
| Combined ratio | 93.1% | 61.4% | 31.7 |

(1) Includes general and administrative expense, and share compensation expense.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | Percentage point change |
|--|---|---|--|
| <i>Validus Re</i> | | | |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 66.4% | 32.1% | 34.3 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 14.8% | 12.2% | 2.6 |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 6.5% | 6.6% | (0.1) |
| Expense ratio | 21.3% | 18.8% | 2.5 |
| Combined ratio | 87.7% | 50.9% | 36.8 |

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007(1) | Percentage point change |
|--|---|--|--|
| <i>Talbot</i> | | | |
| Losses and loss expenses ratio | 56.7% | 34.2% | 22.5 |
| Policy acquisition cost ratio | 22.5% | 22.8% | (0.3) |
| General and administrative expense ratio | 13.7% | 18.1% | (4.4) |
| Expense ratio | 36.2% | 40.9% | (4.7) |
| Combined ratio | 92.9% | 75.2% | 17.7 |

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Underwriting Income

Underwriting income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$65.4 million compared to \$208.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$143.1 million or 68.6%.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 (Dollars in thousands) | % of Sub total | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 (Dollars in thousands) | % of Sub total | % Change |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Validus Re | \$ 60,320 | 65.2% | \$ 194,628 | 84.5% | (69.0)% |
| Talbot | 32,135 | 34.8% | 35,628 | 15.5% | (9.8)% |
| Sub total | 92,455 | 100.0% | 230,256 | 100.0% | (59.8)% |
| Corporate & Eliminations | (27,047) | | (21,776) | | 24.2% |
| Total | \$ 65,408 | | \$ 208,480 | | (68.6)% |

The underwriting results of an insurance or reinsurance company are also often measured by reference to its underwriting income, which is a non-GAAP measure as previously defined. Underwriting income, as set out in the table below, is reconciled to net income (the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure) by the addition or subtraction of net investment income (loss), other income, realized gain on repurchase of debentures, finance expenses, net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, foreign exchange gains (losses), fair value of warrants issued and Aquiline termination fee.

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| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 |
|--|---|---|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Underwriting income | \$ 65,408 | \$ 208,480 |
| Net investment income | 108,857 | 74,799 |
| Other income | 3,666 | 1,330 |
| Realized gain on repurchase of debentures | 8,752 | |
| Finance expenses | (48,796) | (26,331) |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (8,348) | 823 |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (72,608) | 3,136 |
| Foreign exchange gains (losses) | (35,843) | 9,210 |
| Fair value of warrants issued | | (2,893) |
| Aquiline termination fee | | (3,000) |
| Net income before taxes | \$ 21,088 | \$ 265,554 |

Underwriting income indicates the performance of the Company's core underwriting function, excluding revenues and expenses such as the reconciling items in the table above. The Company believes the reporting of underwriting income enhances the understanding of our results by highlighting the underlying profitability of the Company's core insurance and reinsurance business. Underwriting profitability is influenced significantly by earned premium growth, adequacy of the Company's pricing and loss frequency and severity. Underwriting profitability over time is also influenced by the Company's underwriting discipline, which seeks to manage exposure to loss through favorable risk selection and diversification, its management of claims, its use of reinsurance and its ability to manage its expense ratio, which it accomplishes through its management of acquisition costs and other underwriting expenses. The Company believes that underwriting income provides investors with a valuable measure of profitability derived from underwriting activities.

The Company excludes the U.S. GAAP measures noted above, in particular net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, from its calculation of underwriting income because the amount of these gains and losses is heavily influenced by, and fluctuates in part, according to availability of investment market opportunities. The Company believes these amounts are largely independent of its underwriting business and including them distorts the analysis of trends in its operations. In addition to presenting net income determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company believes that showing underwriting income enables investors, analysts, rating agencies and other users of its financial information to more easily analyze the Company's results of operations in a manner similar to how management analyzes the Company's underlying business performance. The Company uses underwriting income as a primary measure of underwriting results in its analysis of historical financial information and when performing its budgeting and forecasting processes. Analysts, investors and rating agencies who follow the Company request this non-GAAP financial information on a regular basis. In addition, underwriting income is one of the factors considered by the compensation committee of our Board of Directors in determining the bonus component of the total annual incentive compensation.

Underwriting income should not be viewed as a substitute for U.S. GAAP net income as there are inherent material limitations associated with the use of underwriting income as compared to using net income, which is the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure. The most significant limitation is the ability of users of the financial information to make comparable assessments of underwriting income with other companies, particularly as underwriting income may be defined or calculated differently by other companies. Therefore, the Company provides more prominence in this filing to the use of the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, net income, which

includes the reconciling items in the table above. The Company compensates for these limitations by providing both disclosure of net income and reconciliation of underwriting income to net income.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$108.9 million compared to \$74.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$34.1 million or 45.5%. Net investment income increased as a result of growth in the Validus Re investment portfolio and the addition of the Talbot

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investment portfolio. Net investment income is comprised of accretion of premium or discount on fixed maturities, interest on coupon-paying bonds, short-term investments and cash and cash equivalents, partially offset by investment management fees. The components of net investment income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 is as presented below.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 98,654 | \$ 54,589 | 80.7% |
| Securities lending income | 1,150 | 66 | 1642.4% |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 11,524 | 22,025 | (47.7)% |
| Total investment income | 111,328 | 76,680 | 45.2% |
| Investment expenses | (2,471) | (1,881) | 31.4% |
| Net investment income | \$ 108,857 | \$ 74,799 | 45.5% |

Investment management fees incurred relate to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. (BlackRock) and Goldman Sachs Asset Management L.P. and its affiliates (GSAM). Each of Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc. (Merrill Lynch) and Goldman Sachs is a major shareholder of the Company. BlackRock is considered a related party due to its merger in February 2006 with Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. Investment management fees earned by BlackRock for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. Investment management fees earned by GSAM for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were \$1.0 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. Management believes that the fees charged were consistent with those that would have been charged by unrelated third parties.

Annualized effective investment yield is based on the weighted average investments held calculated on a simple period average and excludes net unrealized gains (losses), foreign exchange gains (losses) on investments and the foreign exchange effect of insurance balances. The Company's annualized effective investment yield for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 4.5% and 5.1%, respectively, and the average duration at September 30, 2008 was 2.2 years (December 31, 2007 2.0 years).

Finance Expenses

Finance expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$48.8 million compared to \$26.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$22.5 million or 85.3%. The higher finance expenses in 2008 were primarily attributable to the following:

Increased interest on the 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures of \$6.9 million; and

\$17.0 million of FAL finance expense resulting from the consolidation of Talbot.

Finance expenses also include the amortization of debt offering costs and offering discounts and fees related to our credit facilities.

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | % Change |
|--|---|---|---------------------|
|--|---|---|---------------------|

| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----|--------|----------|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 10,765 | \$ | 10,774 | NM |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 11,517 | | 4,598 | 150.5% |
| Credit facilities | 692 | | 2,101 | 67.1% |
| Talbot FAL facilities | 169 | | | NM |
| Talbot other interest | (81) | | 76 | (207.9)% |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | 25,734 | | 8,782 | 193.0% |
| | \$ 48,796 | \$ | 26,331 | 85.3% |

NM Not Meaningful

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Capital in Lloyd's entities, whether personal or corporate, is required to be set annually for the prospective year and held by Lloyd's in trust (Funds at Lloyd's or FAL). In underwriting years up to and including 2007, Talbot's FAL has been provided both by Talbot and by third parties, thereafter Talbot's FAL has been provided exclusively by the Company. Because the third party FAL providers remain on risk until each year of account that they support closes (normally after three years) Talbot must retain third party FAL even if a third party FAL provider has ceased to support the active underwriting year. This is achieved by placing such FAL in escrow outside Lloyd's. Thus the total FAL facility available to the Company is the total FAL for active and prior underwriting years, although the Company can only apply specific FAL against losses incurred by an underwriting year that such FAL is contracted to support.

For each year of account up to and including the 2007 year of account, between 30% and 40% of an amount equivalent to each underwriting year's profit is payable to Talbot third party FAL providers. However some of these costs are fixed. Further, the 2005 underwriting year only became profitable on a cumulative basis in September 2007, thus triggering profit-related payments for that underwriting year.

The FAL finance charges respond to total syndicate profit (underwriting income, investment income and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses). FAL finance charges and total syndicate profits are analyzed by underwriting year of account as follows:

| Underwriting Year of Account | Nine months ended September 30 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|--|----------|
| | FAL Finance Charges | | Total Syndicate Profit | | FAL Finance Charges as % of Total Syndicate Profit | |
| | 2008 | 2007 (1) | 2008 | 2007 (1) | 2008 | 2007 (1) |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| 2005 (2) | \$ | \$ 4,945 | \$ | \$ 46,326 | NM | 10.7% |
| 2006 (2) | 14,288 | 19,504 | 40,080 | 55,825 | 35.6% | 34.9% |
| 2007 | 11,447 | 1,361 | 35,614 | 1,052 | 32.1% | 129.4% |
| 2008 | | | (39,219) | | NM | NM |
| Total | \$ 25,735 | \$ 25,810 | \$ 36,475 | \$ 103,203 | 70.6% | 25.0% |
| Percentage excluding years in deficit | | | | | NM | NM |

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Talbot are presented on a combined basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

- (2) The earliest year of account includes the run-off of prior (closed) years of account.

NM Not meaningful

FAL finance charges are based on syndicate profit but include fixed elements. Both the 2005 and 2007 years of account were in cumulative loss positions at September 30, 2007 and so provisions for only fixed elements of FAL finance charges were made.

Total syndicate profit, as set out in the table below, is reconciled to the Talbot segment net income by the addition or subtraction of items noted below.

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| | Nine months ended September 30 | |
|---|---|------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 (1) |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Total syndicate profit | \$ 36,475 | \$ 103,203 |
| FAL Finance expenses | (25,735) | (25,810) |
| Managing agent's fee (2) | 7,130 | 7,276 |
| Managing agent's profit commission (3) | 13,394 | 14,750 |
| Investment income (4) | 7,900 | 9,824 |
| Other segment operating expenses, net (5) | (17,189) | (23,523) |
| Share compensation | (3,253) | (731) |
| Intangible amortization | (3,121) | (1,040) |
| Income tax expense | (4,914) | (2,674) |
| Talbot segment net income | \$ 10,687 | \$ 81,275 |

(1) The results of operations for Talbot are consolidated only from the July 2, 2007 date of acquisition. The pre-acquisition and post-acquisition results of operations for Talbot are presented on a combined basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 for comparative purposes only.

(2) 1.5% of syndicate capacity; corresponding syndicate expense reflected in total syndicate profit,

above.

- (3) 15.0% of syndicate profit; corresponding syndicate expense reflected in total syndicate profit, above.
- (4) On FAL and on non-syndicate cash balances.
- (5) Includes Talbot Holdings Ltd share option expenses

Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments

Net realized losses on investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$8.3 million compared to gains of \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Net realized gains resulted from the sale of fixed maturity investments in certain financial institutions.

Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments

Net unrealized losses on investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$72.6 million compared to gains of \$3.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The net unrealized losses during the three months ended March 31, 2008 were due primarily to market value declines in the Company's holding of AAA rated Alt-A non-Agency RMBS. The net unrealized losses during the six months ended September 30, 2008 were primarily from market value declines due to spreads widening as a result of extreme volatility in the financial markets.

The Company early adopted FAS 157 and the FAS 159 Fair Value Option on January 1, 2007 for its investment portfolio. As a result, for the quarters ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, net unrealized gains on investments are recorded as a component of net income. Talbot also adopted FAS 157 and the FAS 159 Fair Value Option for its investment portfolio upon acquisition by the Company on July 2, 2007. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company adopted FSP FAS 157-3. Consistent with this statement, certain market conditions allow for fair value measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable. Certain non-Agency RMBS securities were identified as trading in inactive markets. The change in fair value measurement process for the identified non-Agency RMBS securities resulted in a \$16.5 million reduction in net unrealized loss on investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Further details are provided in the Investments section below.

Realized Gain on Repurchase of Debentures

On April 29, 2008, the Company repurchased from an unaffiliated financial institution \$45.7 million principal amount of its 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures due 2037 at an aggregate price of \$36.6 million plus accrued and unpaid interest of \$0.5 million. The repurchase resulted in the recognition of a realized gain of \$8.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Foreign Exchange (Losses) Gains

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Foreign exchange losses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 were \$(35.8) million compared to gains of \$9.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$45.1 million. Foreign exchange (losses) gains resulted from the effect of the fluctuation in foreign currency exchange rates on assets denominated in foreign currencies. The foreign exchange losses during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were a result of the strengthening of the U.S. dollar resulting in losses on translation arising out of receipts of non-U.S. dollar premium installments. Certain premiums receivable and liabilities for losses incurred in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are exposed to the risk of changes in value resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and may affect financial results in the future.

Talbot's balance sheet includes net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs denominated in foreign currencies of approximately \$89.3 million. This balance consisted of British pound sterling and Canadian dollars of approximately \$81.0 million and \$8.3 million, respectively. Net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs are classified as non-monetary items and are translated at historic exchange rates. All of Talbot's other balance sheet items are classified as monetary items and are translated at period end exchange rates. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, this translation process resulted in foreign exchange losses that will reverse in future periods as net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs are earned. Additional foreign exchange (losses) gains may be incurred on the translation of net unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs arising from insurance and reinsurance premiums written in future periods.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

Validus Holdings, Ltd. is a holding company and conducts no operations of its own. The Company relies primarily on cash dividends and other permitted payments from Validus Re and Talbot to pay finance expenses and other holding company expenses. There are restrictions on the payment of dividends from Validus Re and Talbot to the Company. The Bermuda Companies Act 1981 limits the Company's ability to pay dividends to shareholders.

Three main sources provide cash flows for the Company: operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. Cash flow from operating activities is derived primarily from the net receipt of premiums less claims and expenses related to underwriting activities. Cash flow from investing activities is derived primarily from the receipt of investment income on the Company's total investment portfolio. Cash flow from financing activities is derived primarily from the issuance of common shares and debentures payable. The Company's portfolio is all fixed income including cash, short-term investments, agency paper and sovereign securities amounting to \$1,961.4 million or 60.2% of total cash and investments. Details of the Company's debt and financing arrangements at September 30, 2008 are provided below.

| | Maturity Date / Term | In Use / Outstanding |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | June 15, 2036 | \$ 150,000 |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | June 15, 2037 | 154,300 |
| \$200,000 unsecured letter of credit facility | March 12, 2010 | |
| \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility | March 12, 2012 | 99,524 |
| Talbot FAL facility | December 31, 2010 | 100,000 |
| Talbot third party FAL facility | December 31, 2009 | 144,015 |
| Total | | \$ 647,839 |

Capital Resources

Shareholders' equity at September 30, 2008 was \$1,916.6 million.

On March 17, 2008, June 5, 2008 and September 4, 2008, the Company paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.20 per each common share and \$0.20 per common share equivalent, for which each outstanding warrant is then exercisable,

to holders of record on March 3, 2008, May 22, 2008 and August 21, 2008, respectively. The timing and amount of any future cash dividends, however, will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will

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depend upon our results of operations and cash flows, our financial position and capital requirements, general business conditions, legal, tax, regulatory, rating agency and contractual constraints or restrictions and any other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant.

On April 29, 2008, the Company repurchased from an unaffiliated financial institution \$45.7 million principal amount of its 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures due 2037 at an aggregate price of \$36.5 million, plus accrued and unpaid interest of \$0.5 million. The repurchase resulted in the recognition of a realized gain of \$8.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

On August 7, 2008, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-152856) with the U.S. Securities Exchange Committee in which we may offer from time to time common shares, preference shares, depository shares representing common shares or preference shares, senior or subordinated debt securities, warrants to purchase common shares, preference shares and debt securities, share purchase contracts, share purchase units and units which may consist of any combination of the securities listed above. In addition, the shelf registration statement will provide for secondary sales of common shares sold by the Company's shareholders. The registration statement is intended to provide the Company with additional flexibility to access capital markets for general corporate purposes, subject to market conditions and the company's capital needs.

The Company may from time to time repurchase its securities, including common shares and Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, subject to board approval.

Please refer to the discussion of capital resources in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition* in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. There have been no other material changes to this discussion.

Recent accounting pronouncements

Please refer to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements (Part I, Item I) for further discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

Debt and Financing Arrangements

The following table details the Company's borrowings and credit facilities as at September 30, 2008:

| | Commitment | Outstanding |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 |
| 8.480% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | 200,000 | 154,300 |
| \$200,000 unsecured letter of credit facility | 200,000 | |
| \$500,000 secured letter of credit facility | 500,000 | 99,524 |
| Talbot FAL facility | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Talbot third party FAL facility (1) | 144,015 | 144,015 |
| Total | \$ 1,294,015 | \$ 647,839 |

(1) The third party FAL facility comprises \$144.0 million which supports the 2007 and prior underwriting years. These funds have now been withdrawn

from Lloyd's and
placed in
escrow but
remain available
to pay losses.

Please refer to Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements (Part I, Item I) for further discussion of the Company's debt and financing arrangements and the April 29, 2008 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debenture repurchase.

Investments

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A significant portion of contracts written provide short-tail reinsurance coverage for losses resulting mainly from natural and man-made catastrophes, which could result in a significant amount of losses on short notice. Accordingly, the Company's investment portfolio is structured to preserve capital and provide significant liquidity, which means the investment portfolio contains a significant amount of relatively short-term fixed maturity investments, such as U.S. government securities, U.S. government-sponsored enterprises securities, corporate debt securities and mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities.

Substantially all of the fixed maturity investments held at September 30, 2008 were publicly traded. At September 30, 2008, the average duration of the Company's fixed maturity portfolio was 2.2 years (December 31, 2007: 2.0 years) and the average rating of the portfolio was AAA (December 31, 2007: AAA), of which \$2,097.1 million or 80.8% (December 31, 2007: \$2,029.6 million or 84.2%) were rated AAA.

Cash and cash equivalents and investments in Talbot of \$1,023.2 million at September 30, 2008 were held in trust for the benefit of cedants and policyholders, and to facilitate the accreditation as an alien insurer/reinsurer by certain regulators (December 31, 2007: \$1,064.4 million). Total cash and cash equivalents and investments in Talbot were \$1,137.9 million at September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2007: \$1,093.9 million). 4

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had approximately \$9.6 million of asset-backed securities with sub-prime collateral and \$5.6 million of insurance enhanced rated asset-backed securities that have no underlying credit ratings, representing 0.3% and 0.2% of total cash and investments, respectively.

At September 30, 2008, the Company held \$121.6 million of Alt-A RMBS. The Company's Alt-A non-Agency RMBS allocation consists entirely of AAA rated securities.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had approximately \$137.9 million invested in debt of U.S. Government sponsored agencies Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC), as set forth below.

| | FNMA | FHLMC | Total | % of Total Cash and Investments |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Senior bonds | \$ 72,943 | \$ 58,483 | \$ 131,426 | 4.0% |
| Subordinated debt | 6,512 | | 6,512 | 0.2% |
| Total | \$ 79,455 | \$ 58,483 | \$ 137,938 | 4.2% |

NM Not meaningful

At September 30, 2008, the \$137.9 million market value of FNMA and FHLMC debt securities held by the Company was \$0.1 million less than amortized cost. The Company's investment guidelines do not permit purchases of equity securities and therefore the Company has no investment in common or preferred stock of FNMA or FHLMC. Similarly, the Company's investment guidelines do not permit investment in derivatives and so the Company does not have exposure to FNMA or FHLMC through derivative contracts.

Consistent with U.S. GAAP, the Company recognizes fixed maturity and short-term investments at their fair value in the consolidated balance sheets. Fair value is defined in FAS 157 as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. FAS 157 also established a three level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon whether the inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability are observable or unobservable in the market at the measurement date, with quoted market prices being the highest level (Level 1) and unobservable inputs being the lowest level (Level 3). Generally, the degree of judgment used in measuring the fair value of financial instruments inversely correlates with the availability of observable inputs. All of the Company's short-term investment and 95% of the Company's fixed maturity fair value measurements have either quoted market prices or other observable inputs. Fair value measurements of certain non-Agency RMBS securities, representing 2.9% of the Company's total assets,

have primarily unobservable inputs. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company adopted FSP FAS 157-3. Consistent with this statement, certain market conditions allow for fair value

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measurements that incorporate unobservable inputs where active market transaction based measurements are unavailable. Further details of FAS 157 and its application are presented in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements (Part I, Item 1).

The Company's external investment accounting service provider receives prices from independent pricing sources to measure the fair values of its fixed maturity investments. These independent pricing sources are prioritized with respect to reliability to ensure that only the highest priority pricing inputs are used. The independent pricing sources are received via automated feeds from broker-dealers and pricing services. Pricing is also obtained from other external investment managers. This information is applied consistently across all portfolios. The Company's external investment accounting service provider confirms and documents all prices received from broker-dealers on a daily basis for quality control and audit purposes.

In addition to internal controls, management relies on the effectiveness of the valuation controls in place at the Company's external investment accounting service provider (supported by a SAS 70 Type II Report) in conjunction with regular discussion and analysis of the investment portfolio's structure and performance. To date, management has not noted any issues or discrepancies related to investment valuation. The Company's investment custodian performs independent monthly valuations of the investment portfolio using available market prices. Management obtains this information from the Company's investment custodian's internet-based reporting system and compares it to valuations received from the Company's external investment accounting service provider.

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company identified certain non-Agency RMBS securities (identified RMBS securities) trading in inactive markets. The financial and mainstream press has provided continuous coverage of the credit crisis and the related impact on world markets. The Company's external investment advisors have noted illiquidity and dislocation in the non-Agency RMBS market in the third quarter. In order to gauge market activity for the identified RMBS securities, management, with assistance from external investment advisors, reviewed the pricing sources for each security in the portfolio. Pricing services were the primary sources for the prices. Documentation provided by pricing services regarding the pricing of non-Agency RMBS indicated that Volatile CMO Tranche Evaluations are performed via a proprietary evaluated pricing and prepayment model. This matrix or option adjusted spread (OAS) model, uses a combination of Monte Carlo simulations and arbitrage analysis to determine prices. As a result, these securities were transferred to Level 3 assets with respect to the FAS 157 fair value hierarchy.

Consistent with FSP FAS 157-3 market approach fair value measurements for securities trading in inactive markets are not determinative. In weighing the fair value measurements resulting from market approach and income approach valuation techniques the Company has placed less reliance on the market approach fair value measurements. The income approach valuation technique determines the fair value of each security on the basis of contractual cash flows, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate. As the proposed valuation technique incorporates both observable and significant unobservable inputs, these securities will be transferred to Level 3 assets with respect to the FAS 157 fair value hierarchy. The foundation for the income approach is the amount and timing of future cash flows.

The Company examined several sources in the determination of an appropriate, risk-adjusted discount rate. In doing so, the Company concluded that liquidity risk was the primary driver of the discount rate as prepayment, default and credit risk are incorporated into the underlying cash flows and thus it is not appropriate to include the associated risks in the discount rate. The risk adjusted discount rate used in the income valuation calculation was 1 month USD LIBOR at September 30, 2008 plus a spread of 300 basis points, representing the historical spread for BBB securities. While the majority of the identified RMBS securities are rated AAA, a small number have been downgraded, mostly to BBB. The Company has conservatively used BBB as a benchmark in determining an appropriate discount rate.

The change in fair value measurement for the identified RMBS securities resulted in a \$16.5 million reduction in net unrealized losses on investments in the quarter. This reduction in net unrealized losses on investments resulted in a \$16.5 million increase in shareholders' equity as at September 30, 2008.

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Refer to Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk for further discussion of interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis of the impact of interest rate variances on the valuation of the Company's fixed maturity and short-term investments.

Cash Flows

During the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company generated net cash from operating activities of \$150.0 million and \$220.7 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company generated net cash from operating activities of \$397.4 million and \$408.1 million, respectively. Cash flows from operations generally represent premiums collected, investment earnings realized and investment gains realized less losses and loss expenses paid and underwriting and other expenses paid. Cash flows from operations may differ substantially, however, from net income.

Sources of funds consist primarily of the receipt of premiums written, investment income and proceeds from sales and redemptions of investments. In addition, cash will also be received from financing activities. Cash is used to pay primarily losses and loss expenses, brokerage commissions, excise taxes, general and administrative expenses, purchase new investments, payment of premiums retroceded and payment of dividends. The Company has had sufficient resources to meet its liquidity requirements.

As of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$335.4 million and \$444.7 million, respectively.

The Company has written certain business that has loss experience generally characterized as having low frequency and high severity. This results in volatility in both results and operational cash flows. The potential for large claims or a series of claims under one or more reinsurance contracts means that substantial and unpredictable payments may be required within relatively short periods of time. As a result, cash flows from operating activities may fluctuate, perhaps significantly, between individual quarters and years.

In addition to relying on premiums received and investment income from the investment portfolio, the Company intends to meet these cash flow demands by carrying a substantial amount of short and medium term investments that would mature, or possibly be sold, prior to the settlement of expected liabilities. The Company cannot provide assurance, however, that it will successfully match the structure of its investments with its liabilities due to uncertainty related to the timing and severity of loss events.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements and, additionally, you should not place undue reliance on any such statement. This report may include forward-looking statements, both with respect to us and our industry, that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Statements that include the words expect, intend, plan, believe, project, anticipate, and similar statements of a future or forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements.

We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

unpredictability and severity of catastrophic events;

our ability to obtain and maintain ratings, which may be affected by our ability to raise additional equity or debt financings, as well as other factors described herein;

adequacy of our risk management and loss limitation methods;

cyclicality of demand and pricing in the insurance and reinsurance markets;

our limited operating history;

our ability to successfully implement our business strategy during soft as well as hard markets;

adequacy of our loss reserves;

continued availability of capital and financing;

our ability to identify, hire and retain, on a timely and unimpeded basis and on anticipated economic and other terms, experienced and capable senior management, as well as underwriters, claims professionals and support staff;

acceptance of our business strategy, security and financial condition by rating agencies and regulators, as well as by brokers and reinsureds;

competition, including increased competition, on the basis of pricing, capacity, coverage terms or other factors;

potential loss of business from one or more major insurance or reinsurance brokers;

our ability to implement, successfully and on a timely basis, complex infrastructure, distribution capabilities, systems, procedures and internal controls, and to develop accurate actuarial data to support the business and regulatory and reporting requirements;

general economic and market conditions (including inflation, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates) and conditions specific to the insurance and reinsurance markets in which we expect to operate;

the integration of Talbot Holdings, Ltd., or other businesses we may acquire or new business ventures we may start;

accuracy of those estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our financial statements, including those related to revenue recognition, insurance and other reserves, reinsurance recoverables, investment valuations, intangible assets, bad debts, income taxes, contingencies, litigation and any determination to use the deposit

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method of accounting, which, for a relatively new insurance and reinsurance company like our company, are even more difficult to make than those made in a mature company because of limited historical information;

the effect on our investment portfolio of changing financial market conditions including inflation, interest rates, liquidity and other factors;

acts of terrorism, political unrest and other hostilities or other non-forecasted and unpredictable events;

availability of reinsurance and retrocession coverage to manage our gross and net exposures and the cost of such reinsurance and retrocession;

the failure of reinsurers, retrocessionaires, producers or others to meet their obligations to us;

the timing of loss payments being faster or the receipt of reinsurance recoverables being slower than anticipated by us;

changes in domestic or foreign laws or regulations, or their interpretations;

changes in accounting principles or the application of such principles by regulators;

statutory or regulatory or rating agency developments, including as to tax policy and matters and reinsurance and other regulatory matters such as the adoption of proposed legislation that would affect Bermuda-headquartered companies and/or Bermuda-based insurers or reinsurers, and

the other factors set forth under Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors, Part I Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as the risk and other factors set forth in the Company's filings with the SEC.

In addition, other general factors could affect our results, including: (a) developments in the world's financial and capital markets and our access to such markets; (b) changes in regulations or tax laws applicable to us, including, without limitation, any such changes resulting from the recent investigations relating to the insurance industry and any attendant litigation; and (c) the effects of business disruption or economic contraction due to terrorism or other hostilities.

The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included herein or elsewhere. Any forward-looking statements made in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us or our business or operations. We undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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We believe we are principally exposed to five types of market risk:

interest rate risk;

foreign currency risk;

credit risk;

liquidity risk; and

effects of inflation.

Interest Rate Risk: The Company's primary market risk exposure is to changes in interest rates. The Company's fixed maturity portfolio is exposed to interest rate risk. Fluctuations in interest rates have a direct impact on the market valuation of these investments. As interest rates rise, the market value of the Company's fixed maturity portfolio falls and the Company has the risk that cash outflows will have to be funded by selling assets, which will be trading at depreciated values. As interest rates decline, the market value of the Company's fixed income portfolio increases and the Company has reinvestment risk, as funds reinvested will earn less than is necessary to match anticipated liabilities. We manage interest rate risk by selecting investments with characteristics such as duration, yield, currency and liquidity tailored to the anticipated cash outflow characteristics of the insurance and reinsurance liabilities the Company assumes.

As at September 30, 2008, the impact on the Company's fixed maturity and short-term investments from an immediate 100 basis point increase in market interest rates would have resulted in an estimated decrease in market value of 2.2%, or approximately \$64.3 million. As at September 30, 2008, the impact on the Company's fixed maturity portfolio from an immediate 100 basis point decrease in market interest rates would have resulted in an estimated increase in market value of 2.2% or approximately \$63.5 million.

As at September 30, 2007, the impact on the Company's fixed maturity and short-term investments from an immediate 100 basis point increase in market interest rates would have resulted in an estimated decrease in market value of 1.3%, or approximately \$23.4 million. As at September 30, 2007, the impact on the Company's fixed maturity portfolio from an immediate 100 basis point decrease in market interest rates would have resulted in an estimated increase in market value of 1.2% or approximately \$20.5 million.

As at September 30, 2008, the Company held \$1,098.6 million (December 31, 2007: \$1,074.1 million), or 42.3% (December 31, 2007: 44.5%), of the Company's fixed maturity portfolio in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities. These assets are exposed to prepayment risk, which occurs when holders of underlying loans increase the frequency with which they prepay the outstanding principal before the maturity date and refinance at a lower interest rate cost. The adverse impact of prepayment is more evident in a declining interest rate environment. As a result, the Company will be exposed to reinvestment risk, as cash flows received by the Company will be accelerated and will be reinvested at the prevailing interest rates.

Foreign Currency Risk: Certain of the Company's reinsurance contracts provide that ultimate losses may be payable in foreign currencies depending on the country of original loss. Foreign currency exchange rate risk exists to the extent that there is an increase in the exchange rate of the foreign currency in which losses are ultimately owed. Therefore, we attempt to manage our foreign currency risk by seeking to match our liabilities under insurance and reinsurance policies that are payable in foreign currencies with cash and investments that are denominated in such currencies. As of September 30, 2008, \$440.9 million, or 9.8% of our total assets and \$356.0 million, or 13.7% of our total liabilities was held in foreign currencies. As of September 30, 2008, \$81.7 million, or 3.2% of our total net liabilities held in foreign currencies was non-monetary items which do not require revaluation at each reporting date. The Company does not transact in foreign exchange markets to hedge its foreign currency exposure. To the extent foreign currency exposure is not hedged, the Company may experience exchange losses, which in turn would adversely affect the results of operations and financial condition.

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Credit Risk: We are exposed to credit risk primarily from the possibility that counterparties may default on their obligations to us. We attempt to limit our credit exposure by purchasing high quality fixed income investments to maintain an average portfolio credit quality of AA- or higher with mortgage and commercial mortgage-backed issues having an aggregate weighted average credit quality of AAA. In addition, we have limited our exposure to any single issuer to 3.0% or less of total investments, excluding treasury and agency securities. The minimum credit rating of any security purchased is A-/A3 and where investments are downgraded, we permit a holding of up to 2.0% in aggregate market value, or up to 10.0% with written authorization of the Company. At September 30, 2008, 0.6% of the portfolio was below A-/A3 and we did not have an aggregate exposure to any single issuer of more than 2.2% of total investments, other than with respect to U.S. government securities.

The amount of the maximum exposure to credit risk is indicated by the carrying value of the Company's financial assets. The Company's primary credit risks reside in investment in U.S. corporate bonds and recoverables from reinsurers at the Talbot segment. The Company evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers and monitors concentration of credit risk arising from its exposure to individual reinsurers. The reinsurance program is generally placed with reinsurers whose rating, at the time of placement, was A- or better rated by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent with other rating agencies. Exposure to a single reinsurer is also controlled with restrictions dependent on rating. 100.0% of reinsurance recoverables (which includes loss reserves recoverable and recoverables on paid losses) at September 30, 2008 were from reinsurers rated A- or better, or from reinsurers posting full collateral. Validus Re does not have any reinsurance recoverable balances that are not fully collateralized.

Liquidity risk: Certain of the Company's investments may become illiquid. The current disruption in the credit markets may materially affect the liquidity of the Company's investments, including residential mortgage-backed securities which represent 22.3% (December 31, 2007: 23.3%) of total cash and investments. If the Company requires significant amounts of cash on short notice in excess of normal cash requirements (which could include claims on a major catastrophic event) in a period of market illiquidity, the investments may be difficult to sell in a timely manner and may have to be disposed of for less than what may otherwise have been possible under other conditions. Details of the Company's debt and financing arrangements at September 30, 2008 are provided below.

| | Maturity Date / Term | Outstanding |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9.069% Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures | June 15, 2036 | \$ 150,000 |
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| Total | | \$ 647,839 |

Effects of Inflation: We do not believe that inflation has had or will have a material effect on our combined results of operations, except insofar as (a) inflation may affect interest rates, and (b) losses and loss expenses may be affected by inflation.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive

Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in allowing information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to be recorded, processed, summarized and reported within time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

We continue to enhance our operating procedures and internal controls (including the timely and successful implementation of our information technology initiatives, which include the implementation of improved computerized systems and programs to replace and support manual systems, and including controls over financial

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reporting) to effectively support our business and our regulatory and reporting requirements. Our management does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal controls will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. As a result of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons or by collusion of two or more people. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no absolute assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. As a result of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatement due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Accordingly, our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the Company's evaluation required pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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We anticipate that, similar to the rest of the insurance and reinsurance industry, we will be subject to litigation and arbitration in the ordinary course of business.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Please refer to the discussion of risk factors in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 as well as the risk factor noted below.

Deterioration in the public debt and equity markets could lead to additional investment losses.

The prolonged and severe disruptions in the public debt and equity markets, including among other things, widening of credit spreads, bankruptcies and government intervention in a number of large financial institutions, have resulted in significant realized and unrealized losses in the Company's investment portfolio. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred substantial realized and unrealized investment losses, as described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations under Part I, Item 2 of this report. Subsequent to September 30, 2008, through the date of this report, conditions in the public debt and equity markets have continued to deteriorate and pricing levels have continued to decline. The Company continues to closely monitor current market conditions and evaluate the long term impact of this recent market volatility on all of its investment holdings. Depending on market conditions, the Company could incur additional realized and unrealized losses in future periods, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition and business.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

There were no stock repurchases for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| EXHIBIT NUMBER | DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT |
|-------------------|---|
| 10.12.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Holdings, Ltd. and Edward J. Noonan. |
| 10.13.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Holdings, Ltd. and George P. Reeth. |
| 10.14.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Holdings, Ltd. and Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino. |
| 10.15.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Holdings, Ltd. and Stuart W. Mercer. |
| 10.16.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and Conan M. Ward. |
| 10.18.1 | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Validus Holdings, Ltd. and Michael J. Belfatti. |

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Registrant)

Date: November 13, 2008

/s/ Edward J. Noonan
Edward J. Noonan
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 13, 2008

/s/ Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino
Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice
President